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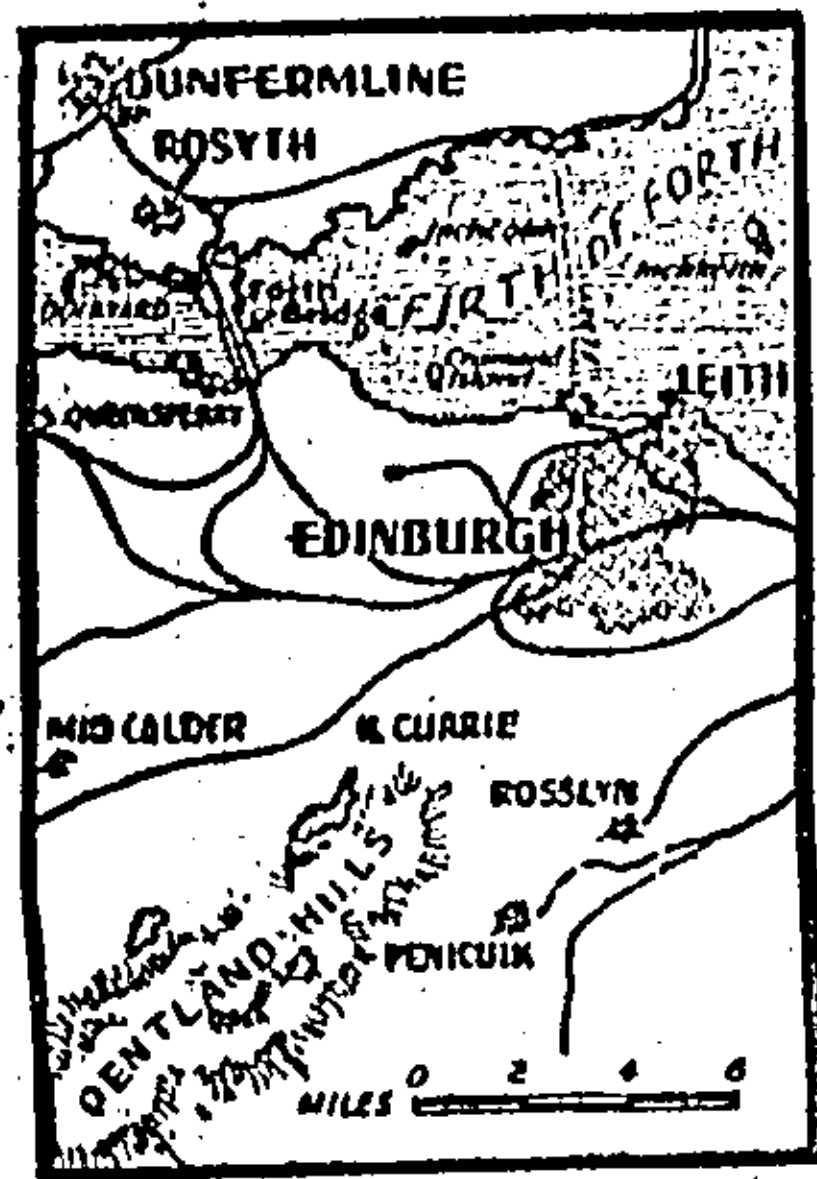
ENEMY INTERCEPTED AT SEA: ONE MACHINE HIT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GERMANY TOOK QUICK ADVANTAGE OF THE RETURN TO FINE WEATHER TO-DAY, AND LAUNCHED A FURTHER ATTACK ON THE FIRTH OF FORTH. ONE OF EIGHT ENEMY RAIDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE RAID WAS HIT, AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE REPORTS.

So speedy was the R.A.F. on the job after the sounding of the alarm that the All Clear was sounded within half-an-hour. The Germans did not even succeed in reaching their objectives, says a "United Press" message.

The official report, issued late last night, is as follows:



"Royal Air Force fighters to-day intercepted and drove off a German raiding squadron off the coast in the Firth of Forth area.

"The enemy squadron consisted of eight machines.

"One enemy plane was hit."

A supplementary communiqué said:

"Shortly before the Firth of Forth engagement, in which eight enemy aircraft were driven off, two enemy aircraft were encountered by R.A.F. fighters.

"The enemy immediately turned back, but were pursued to sea.

"One was seen to be hit."

Pilot's Story

A thrilling story of the encounter at sea was told by the pilot of one of the British machines.

"We were patrolling north of Heligoland when we sighted a Dornier plane.

"We attacked it but it managed to elude us in the clouds. A few minutes later, however, we sighted it again, and attacked a second time.

"A burst of our fire got home before the crippled German managed to again find refuge in the clouds."

A pilot of a second machine said:

"I pursued a Dornier for half-an-hour, during which time I made six attacks.

Swaying Through Clouds

"In one of the attacks we succeeded in putting the German's rear gun out of commission and punctured its fuel tanks.

"It escaped, swaying through the clouds. I doubt whether it would be able to reach its base."

BIG DUTCH SHIP SUNK

Holland Indignant At Latest Loss

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—All Holland is filled with indignation at the torpedoing of the 8,200-ton Netherlands Royal Mail liner *Tajandoen*, the third biggest Dutch liner to be lost in the war through U-boat or Nazi mine action.

The *Tajandoen* is the eighth ship Holland has lost in the war.

All of the passengers have been saved, according to a telegram from the captain. Six members of the crew are missing.

It is pointed out that the disaster follows immediately on Germany's threat to Holland regarding the British blockade.

German official circles are angry at the news that British consular officers now board Dutch ships in Dutch ports to examine cargoes. This step has been carried out at the suggestion of Dutch shipping interests, as it greatly speeds up the contraband control system.

Germany, however, regards it as a gross breach of neutrality, and it is believed that Nazi pressure on the Dutch Government will, as a result, be further increased.

Sunk In Collision

Several other sinkings, in addition to the torpedoing of the *Tajandoen*, are reported.

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British Blockade

America Reserves Her Rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned that the United States has reserved all rights under International Law in connection with Britain's order to stop German exports being made through neutral countries.

It is understood that the reservation was communicated to Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, for transmission to London.

Based On Two Points

It is said to be strictly "not in the nature of an open protest" and is based on two points:

1.—Assertion of principle under International Law (In the World War, the United States, as long as she was neutral, refused to accept the British blockade of Germany).

2.—The United States really needs some of the articles she had once purchased from Germany, including fine percussion instruments.

It is understood that Britain is willing to make a concession on such essentials to permit them being sent from Germany.

He Wooded Her, Wooded Her & Wooded Her

But Hitler's Quest In Turkey Is Futile

ISTANBUL, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Hitler's latest envoy to Turkey, Baron von Lersner, has been hard at work since he arrived four days ago to regain for the Reich the confidence of the Turks, since Herr Franz von Papen's mission is considered to have failed completely, according to dispatches from Ankara.

Baron von Lersner, who describes himself as "representative in Turkey of the German New East Club," claims that his task consists of bettering Turkish-German cultural, social and economic relations.

No Short Memories

It is not thought, however, that this new Nazi bid to win over the Turks will have the desired effect, as the Turks are unlikely to forget in a hurry the bitter experiences of the past.

Turkish newspapers yesterday and to-day carried articles violently attacking the Nazi diplomats accredited to Turkey, whom they hold to be directly responsible for the wide distribution, two days ago, of the Turkish translation of "Pravda's" attack on the Turkish Press.

Agreements Signed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Dec. 7 (UP).—The Turkish military mission has returned from London.

It is officially stated that they signed agreements with the Allies for the purchase of war materials, the payment to be made in commodities.

Under-Secretary For Air Back

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Captain Harold Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, arrived back in England to-day with the Australian Air Minister.

He had flown from Canada, and said he was amazed at the united determination of Canada to play a full part in the war.

Many Americans are coming forward and offering themselves for service with Canada, he had been told.

Where Russians May Try To Effect New Landing



The latest Russian thrust to Finland is in the Gulf of Finland, where new landings may be attempted.

Finns Hold Red Attacks on Land

NAVAL INVASION THOUGHT NEAR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 8 (UP).—Held up on the Petsamo front by Arctic conditions, and in the central and southern sectors by the Mannerheim Line, the Reds are now believed to be preparing for a new thrust from the sea in the Gulf of Finland, Finnish naval circles believe.

Bad weather is hampering all operations elsewhere in Finland.

The Red Army has not been able to crack the Mannerheim Line, despite Moscow Radio claims to the contrary.

At many points the Reds are still five to ten kilometres from the line, which has at no point been dented.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the Mannerheim Line consists of many fortified positions, extending deeply into Finnish territory.

It would therefore be impossible to penetrate the line at any given point with a single thrust.

The Finns claim to be in occupation of all towns five kilometres in front of the advance posts of the line, and are also contesting strongly for control of the Arctic coast.

Poison Gas Charge

The Finnish Legation in London issued a statement denying that the Finns are attempting to bomb Leningrad from the air.

The Finns, however, officially charge that the Red Army is using poison gas shells on the eastern front.

Despite the use of gas, Finnish troops are holding their positions. Eleven Finnish soldiers have been poisoned north of Lake Ladoga.

A report from Bergen states that despatches from the frontier indicate that there is very little fighting in the Petsamo area, where the opponents are busily consolidating their positions in bitterly cold weather.

Copenhagen reports from Haparanda, on the Swedish-Finnish frontier, claim that 5,000 Red troops have been decimated in a surprise attack by the Finns in the eastern sector of Uleaborg Province.

"Although this report cannot be officially confirmed, the source is one close to the Finnish General Staff, and we have been assured that the major Red offensive in this sector has resulted in unfavourable consequences for the Soviet forces.

Air Activity Stopped

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Heavy mists have again prevented air activity on either side in Finland.

The recent flights of Soviet planes in Finnish territory are believed to have been undertaken to explore the possibilities of landing troops by parachute.

The Finns are not dismayed, for a network of watchers with rifles loaded stands ready day and night to deal with parachutists, and the anti-aircraft batteries have already proved effective against Russian planes.

Russian warships are reported to be searching for Finnish warships off the coast of Sweden.

Fierce Battle

Telegrams from Haparanda report a fierce battle (described to be the bloodiest which has yet occurred) in the vicinity of Petsamo.

It is estimated that 7,000 Russians were in the field when the battle was begun.

They have already lost 2,000. The Finns are stated to be fighting.

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Finland's Appeal To World

Can't Hold Off Reds Forever

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A desperate appeal to the world for help was issued by a Foreign Office spokesman in an interview with "Reuter."

He said that every Finnish citizen was asking what the world was going to do about Finland.

Sympathy comes from all quarters, but they must have more than sympathy. A small land of 240,000 cannot be expected to hold out forever to hold Russia with 160,000,000.

Lip-Service Insufficient

If someone does not come to Finland's aid, she is finished and will suffer the same fate as Poland, or even worse.

What Sweden, Norway, and Denmark are doing is lip-service. "It is insufficient," the spokesman said.

Arms and men must be given and given soon.

The defeat of Finland will mean far more for Britain, France and the world than the defeat of Poland.

Warning To Germany

Germany should stop to think. Russia may now be an ally but what chance will Germany have even?

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LATEST

Rifle Shot Brings Down Red Plane

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Finland to-day honours the Finnish riflemen who brought down a Soviet plane with one shot.

The riflemen drew a careful bead on the aircraft's petrol tank, and fired one shot which pierced the tank.

Down came the plane just outside Helsingfors.

SOVIET AIRMEN MUTINY

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Reports reaching Helsingfors from Ballsk, the Estonian Baltic port, state that Soviet army officials and the OGPU have executed 21 Soviet pilots on charges of sabotage.

The aviators refused to renew aerial attacks on Finnish towns.

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FORMER CHINA STATION PILOT IS KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Admiralty casualty list contains, among those killed on active service, Squadron Leader P. M. Watt, former adjutant of the air units aboard H.M.S. Hermes which was formerly attached to the China Station.

Squadron Leader Watt was a years later to No. 17 (Fighter) Squadron, Upavon. He was afterwards a flying instructor at No. 1 School, flying instructor and adjutant of No. 408 (North Riding) Squadron, and in 1932-33 was adjutant of the Auxiliary Air Force, since air units in H.M.S. Hermes in China.

On his return to England, he joined No. 18 (Bomber) Squadron, and in 1934-35 was adjutant of No. 607 (County of Durham) Squadron.

Entering Cranwell as a cadet in January, 1925, he was posted two

AID FOR NEUTRALS

Vessels Chartered And Protected

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—It is officially confirmed in London to-day, with reference to the statement made in the House of Commons by the First Lord of the Admiralty yesterday regarding the British chartering neutral vessels, that the Ministry of Shipping has already arranged employment for several millions of neutral tonnage.

Such action is advantageous to neutral ship-owners in that the British Government takes over the liability of war risks, profits are guaranteed and no speculative and the vessels chartered are conducted from port to port by the effective convoy system of the Royal Navy.

Safer in Convoys

The experience of recent weeks suggests that British ships proceeding in convoys are safer from indiscriminate German attacks than neutral vessels travelling unaccompanied on normal commercial business.

Neutral ships are finding employment in British trades on the same footing as British ships in respect of bunkers, repairs and other facilities, which mean so much to ship-owners even in peace-time, and which become increasingly important in war.

It is thus clear that the system of chartering neutral tonnage by Great Britain operates to the mutual advantage of both parties, states this special commentary.

CHINA AND THE SOVIETS

Chinese Position Is Delicate

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, left for Geneva last night to attend the League of Nations meetings.

Chinese in London find themselves in a difficult position.

While naturally sympathising with Finland, they cannot fail to recognise the gratitude due to the Soviet for the substantial help offered to China in the struggle against Japan.

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Canton. 10.30 a.m.
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Haiphong. 9 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 11
Bangkok. 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Amoy. 10.30 a.m.
Canton. 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya. 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 29th December.
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Reg. Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 12, 5.30 p.m.
G.F.O.
Reg. Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
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Churchill's Good Press

Commons Statement Warmly Welcomed

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, received a good Press in connection with his statement in the House of Commons on the progress of the war at sea.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that he did not attempt to gloss over the realities. He said quite frankly that losses must be expected, and even occasional disasters.

That was better than concealing the truth.

Confidence Well Founded
Mr. Churchill showed that he was confident of the ultimate issues of the war and that there were good grounds for his confidence.

The British people could be trusted with the truth.

The "Manchester Guardian" commenting on Lord Halifax's statement on Tuesday, says that he had recalled certain essential facts which were sometimes obscured by slovenly thought.

The main one was that war would end when the German Government accepts the Allies' fundamental grounds for peace, and that it was a Government whose word could be accepted.

There was no such evidence at present.

An Ultimate Hope
Lord Halifax hopes, continues the paper, that the present co-operation with France might later bring about wider economic relations in Europe.

This is a conviction which is gaining ground in Britain.

The "News Chronicle" announces that a survey shows that two out of every three people in Britain now have access to some form of air-raid shelter.

ANOTHER NAZI LIE (ABOUT HONGKONG) IS EXPOSED



HOW NAZI PROPAGANDA WORKS.—This photograph, appearing in the JB Illustrierter Beobachter, purports to show a Chinese coolie smoking an opium pipe in Wyndham Street, Hongkong. A literal translation of the caption—

**So werden
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is as follows: "THIS IS THE WAY IN WHICH NATIONS ARE BEING POISONED.—An example of the mess in England's colonies: Chinese coolie smoking opium openly in a Hongkong street."

THE PIPE, OF COURSE, IS AN ORDINARY CHINESE TOBACCO PIPE AND IS USED FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. Thousands of coolies use them openly in the streets, just as Germans use their Meerschaums, if—like the Chinese coolie in Hongkong—they can get tobacco now in Germany.

Wedding Rings To Aid Finns

Spontaneous Gesture At Stockholm Meeting

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A meeting at Stockholm was attended by 6,000 people.

M. Ericks, the former Finnish Foreign Minister, was cheered to the echo.

When an appeal for funds to help Finland was made, even wedding rings were thrown into the collection boxes.

The crowds at the railway station cheered M. Sandler as he left for Oslo to attend the conference of Scandinavian Ministers who are to discuss Russia's invasion of Finland.

New Trans-Atlantic Clipper Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (UP).—Mr. Juan Trippe, President of the Pan-American Airways System, today announced that the Trans-Atlantic trips will be increased to three times weekly within three months, and that they will run daily except on Sundays as soon as six new Clippers have been delivered.

"Captain Foster's" Review

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Rose Emily, who was supported to the tune of 2,773 chances in the St. Andrew's Stakes last Saturday. The latter was a record for an extra meeting, eclipsing Hebble View's (who was second in the Beaufort Handicap on June 3, 1939) figure of 2,739 for a win by 34 tickets.

ST. ANDREW'S STAKES

SELDOM has the betting public been given the opportunity to see an even field of good runners over a long distance, and there was no doubt that the St. Andrew's Stakes last Saturday was the best event of the meet. The only absentee was Blue Express, who was under a cloud, and it is to be regretted that Mr. Eute stable has not lately been favoured with much sunshine.

However, the first to break through was New Star pursued by Jober, Lilliber, Hebble View and the rest following in the rear. That position was maintained until the pack came into the straight and, passing the judge's box for the first time, Hebble View was in the front row followed by Jober, Galaxy, Lilliber, Rose Emily and others hanging in the rear. One thing I noticed was that New Star was under pressure, but

RETURN TO FIGHT FOR COUNTRY

HELSINKI, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A total of 230 Finnish-Americans, many of whom had never seen Finland, arrived here today to join the Finnish army as volunteers.

They left New York early last month when it became apparent that the Russians were eager to pick a quarrel.

News of the Soviet invasion of Finland reached the contingent while they were at sea.

Lilliber was pulling to beat the band. Instead of taking the mare right out to the front, Mr. Sung, the jockey, was quite satisfied to stay behind and when the time came for a final burst of speed, Lilliber was too exhausted and that was the end of the mare. At the bottom of the hill Hebble View appeared to be cracking up and Galaxy took up the running, about three furlongs from home. He was immediately chased by Rose Emily, Red Feather and Moonlight View. At the distance post Rose Emily had enough of the running, but Galaxy was going strong. A strong challenge was then issued by Red Feather and Moonlight View, but Galaxy answered the jockey's call in a most remarkable manner and the combat went ahead to win by one and a half lengths in three minutes flat for one and a half miles.

HITLER WAS DOOMED BY RIBBENTROP

By MADAME TABOUIS

ALL FRANCE NOW FEELS THAT HITLER IS AT BAY. THIS FEELING HAS BEEN GROWING EVER SINCE THE FAILURE OF RIBBENTROP'S SECOND VISIT TO MOSCOW.

It is realised that Hitler will be beaten because he has virtually no military reserves to set against those of the Allies.

And even had Ribbentrop been able to obtain for his master a military alliance with Russia, Hitler would still have faced eventual defeat. But he could then at least have attempted—with some chance of temporary success—a large-scale offensive in the West.

Ribbentrop's failure is chiefly responsible for the optimism that is spreading like wildfire throughout France, from the humblest farmhouse, the usually sceptical bourgeois circles, to the always anxious financiers, and, amazingly enough, to Parliamentarians.

Before Ribbentrop's last visit to Moscow, French political observers were almost certain that the Soviet would not give the Reich military support against the democracies. This they gathered from repeated visits which the Russian Ambassador made to the Quai d'Orsay.

But proof of the Soviet's attitude was not obtained till the Russo-German conversation in the Kremlin on the night of September 27. Extraordinary precautions were taken that night to guard the ancient citadel of the Czars.

5-Hour Monologues
Captain Pietoukoff, of the OGPU, was in charge of the arrangements. Searchlights swept the sky incessantly.

Ribbentrop, accompanied by Count von Schulenberg, German Ambassador, arrived at 10 o'clock to begin the heavy task with which he had been charged. The "conversation" consisted mainly of a monologue by Ribbentrop lasting nearly five hours, in the course of which he coldly and severely criticised the Soviet Government for several infringements of agreements reached during his first visit.

Ribbentrop pointed out that Stalin had promised the Führer he would use only 25 Red divisions for the occupation of Poland, but the German forces had been faced by 104, as well as by 18 of the best armoured divisions in all Russia.

He pointed out also that the Soviet occupied much more territory than had been agreed upon, and without previous notice. Then he handed Stalin and Molotov a voluminous bundle of memoranda and decrees which the Führer wished them to sign.

Ribbentrop's Arguments
The documents included agreements renewing those previously concluded and new agreements for future industrial collaboration between the two countries, also numerous texts, all tending tacitly to make the Soviet consider herself more or less automatically bound to the Reich against the democracies in case these refused the peace offer.

Ribbentrop pointed out that one of the war aims of the democracies was the reconstruction of Poland—was just as much a menace to Russia as to the Reich, and therefore the Kremlin was just as interested as the Wilhelmstrasse in crushing the democracies and ending the war as soon as possible.

Proposals Rejected
Stalin and Molotov presented the Russian case the next day. They refused, first, to entertain Hitler's plan to have peace negotiations started, preventing anyone from going to collect \$4,000,000 in unpaid debts.

The Exposition Board of Managers filed proceedings in Federal Court recently under a special section of the Emergency Bankruptcy Laws—a section dealing particularly with unsecured creditors. It issued a brief statement saying the move was made to insure "an orderly and equitable liquidation of its affairs."

Attorneys explained that the bankruptcy section Chapter 11—could be invoked only when the debtor was threatened with involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against it.

No estimate of the value of assets was contained in the Federal Court petition, but they were listed at length, as the various buildings and concessions on Treasure Island.

Federal Judge Harold Louderback issued the temporary restraining order, permitting the Fair to continue operating up to its announced closing date of Oct. 20 under the present management and prohibiting filing any collection suits against it.

Principal debts listed were about \$225,000 to each of six banks; \$577,000 to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company which furnished power for the costly lighting effects, and the Standard Oil Company of California, \$492,000.

Meanwhile, the Exposition which started with the hope 20,000,000 persons would pay to see it, and which had generated high praise from visitors the world over for its scope and beauty, was registering attendances still under 10,000,000.

Undaunted by developments, a group of businessmen promoters went ahead with their efforts to raise a needed \$1,050,000 to reopen the fair next year "under new management."

They said the outlook was "promising," although so far only \$700,000 of a needed \$1,050,000 has been pledged.

THE RUSSIAN ROLLER ROLLS
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destroyed. There are 170,000,000 Russians now. Never was their elemental push so powerful.

Russia remains Russia. Whether led by Ivan or Peter, Catherine or Elizabeth, Alexander or Josef, Russia's power grows and is pointed West. It will work under autocrat in overall as mightily and in the same direction as under autocrat in emine.

Slavs say, "The rooster doesn't make the dawn." Stalin doesn't make the spring. Russia does. And a Russian spring appears to be here.

Molotov spoke to Ribbentrop like a superior to a subordinate. He did not give him the slightest satisfaction even in the smallest detail.

For example, he refused to draw up a Russo-German protocol for the authorisation by Russia to Germany to occupy militarily for some time the area around Warsaw which is eventually to be a so-called independent territory.

Refused To Sign
He declared that documents were superfluous, that in any case Russia would hand over to the Germans in that region of Europe "all the territory which the Soviet would not need or any longer needed for carrying out its international policy."

Stalin and Molotov refused to sign any definite convention with the Reich Foreign Minister. Nor was Ribbentrop able to obtain a definite reply regarding the military alliance, and he was obliged to ask the German Ambassador to send a written question regarding this to the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

Molotov, in his reply, sent a few hours later, emphasised that so long as the democracies did not in an official text inform the Soviet Government that they intended to take back White Russia and the Ukraine in order to restore them to Poland, "constructed by a future peace treaty, Moscow would observe strict neutrality."

Heaviest Blow
That was the heaviest blow Ribbentrop had ever received in his diplomatic career.

In view of the present isolation of the Reich, this written reply from the Russian Government to the German Ambassador must have sounded like a death knell to the Wilhelmstrasse.

On his return to Berlin Ribbentrop had a violent dispute with the Führer, who held him responsible for the failure of his mission. Some people now hold that Ribbentrop's "twilight" has already begun.

In any case Hitler is now isolated, and he can have no doubt about the real intentions of Stalin.

All the measures taken by the Kremlin regarding the Baltic countries show that the Soviet has acquired the necessary means of defence on land and sea, and the air to prevent any German interference in that region.

Memel harbour even is now within range of Russian guns. Moreover, the Soviet has cut Germany out of the Black Sea, Rumania, and the Balkans.

That is why the Führer, who is in a state of great nervousness and great anxiety, signed a military decree which is to come into force on December 15.

This concerns the military occupation of Poland, which is to be ensured by an extraordinarily large German force, comprising two armoured divisions, nine regular infantry divisions, eight divisions now being trained, 28,000 S.S., 25,000 S.A., two divisions for Danzig and the Corridor, and 75,000 men of the Landsturm.

The last named are, it appears, to "carry out the economic exploitation of Poland by the Reich."

'FRISCO FAIR UNDER COURT 'PROTECTION'

SAN FRANCISCO.—The World's Fair on Treasure Island did a brisk business at the same old stands, but it was operating under a Federal Court restraining order preventing anyone from suing to collect \$4,000,000 in unpaid debts.

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Federal Judge Harold Louderback issued the temporary restraining order, permitting the Fair to continue operating up to its announced closing date of Oct. 20 under the present management and prohibiting filing any collection suits against it.

Principal debts listed were about \$225,000 to each of six banks; \$577,000 to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company which furnished power for the costly lighting effects, and the Standard Oil Company of California, \$492,000.

Meanwhile, the Exposition which started with the hope 20,000,000 persons would pay to see it, and which had generated high praise from visitors the world over for its scope and beauty, was registering attendances still under 10,000,000.

Undaunted by developments, a group of businessmen promoters went ahead with their efforts to raise a needed \$1,050,000 to reopen the fair next year "under new management."

They said the outlook was "promising," although so far only \$700,000 of a needed \$1,050,000 has been pledged.

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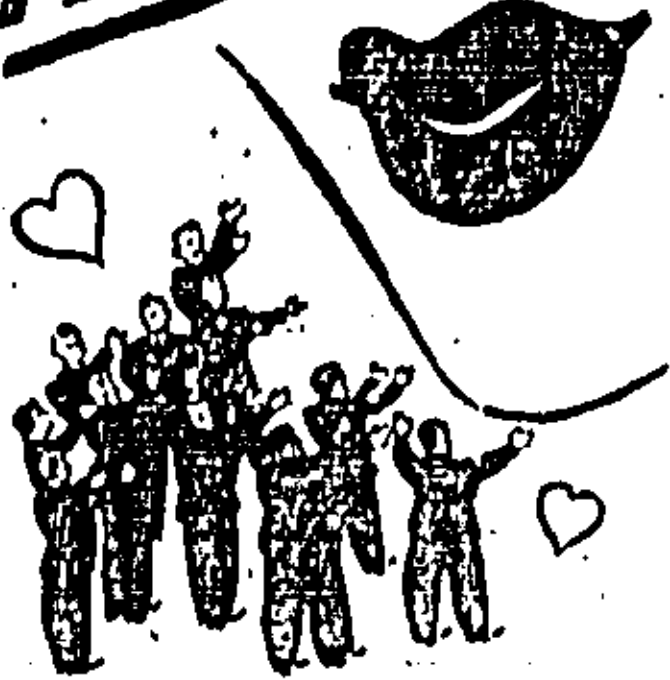
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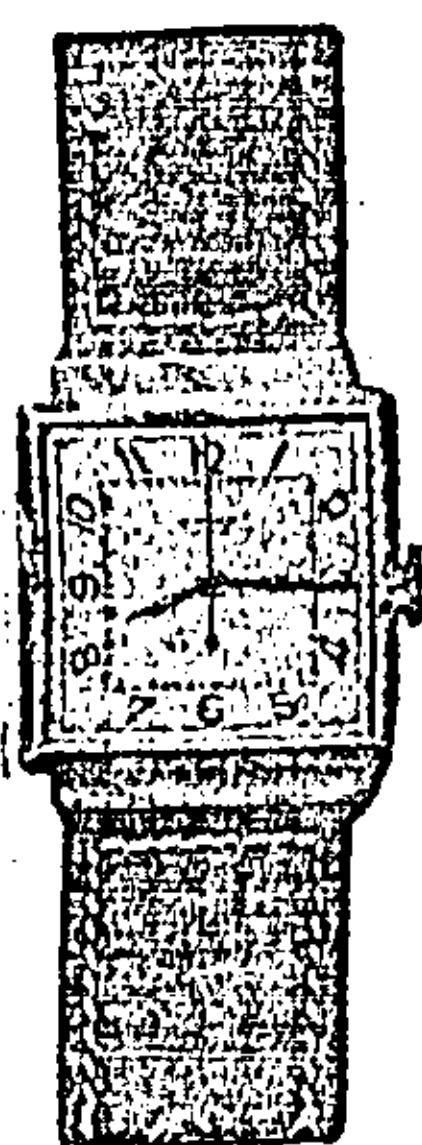
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Bedroom Reflects Charm, Of Bygone Days

By JACQUELINE HUNT

LOVELY ladies to-day like to surround themselves with the things that set off beauty and personality as well as with things that are timely. At the moment there are several trends, but what promises to be first and foremost this winter is the Victorian influence—in make-up, in hair-dos, in the new fashions with their cute little bustles and willowy waists, even in bedroom styles.

If you love things Victorian, if you go in for a pale, delicately tinted complexion, faintly rosy cheeks, violets at your throat, muffs and bustles on your gowns, you will enjoy recreating the same atmosphere in your boudoir. Your dressing gown should be soft, full and lace-trimmed. From the looks of the ornaments on your dressing table, they might have belonged to your grandmother, for manufacturers are turning to their original moulds to create charming old Victorian dresser sets, long-necked milky white glass bottles for eau de Cologne and toilet water, lovely jars for powders and beauty creams, pretty pin trays.

—Twas a Scented Age

If you go Victorian for this, and perhaps several seasons to come, there are many other things that will appeal to you. For instance, the Victorian was a scented age, and old fragrances are due a second blooming. You will love the sharp, clear fragrance of English violets, French lilac and mimosa, or perhaps you'll want to scent your chiffon handkerchief with heliotrope. Sandalwood is another old-new fragrance you'll love to scent your handkerchief, glove boxes or burn as incense in little braziers.

Victorians practically bathed in eau de Cologne and toilet waters, so you have an added excuse to follow this practice. Do you remember the big pint-sized, flower-decorated bottles of milky glass that your grandmother used to keep on her dresser? You can have them for your own vanity. Enjoy the luxury of scented soaps, too, just as your grandmother did, and consider yourself lucky that you have even a wider selection from which to choose.

Dresser Sets Revived

Do not let your use of scented soap here. The potpourri—a little porcelain jar filled with dried flowers, herbs and spices—is back to pour its tummy fragrance into closets and bedroom. Even smelling salts are here to give a lift when you feel tense or headachy!

Perhaps the greatest tribute to the Victorian taste is the revival of matched dresser sets consisting of comb, brush and mirror in black or soft deep colours with an engraved "picture" on their backs. Modern versions are of molded plastics and the colours range from delicate pastels to a soft leafgreen or misty plum to match your favourite colour scheme. The back designs may show a foreign scene, Victorian lovebirds, charming cameo designs with forget-me-nots, or flowers to suit your fancy.

Complexions are fairer and more porcelain-like in texture this winter. This means a new high in foundations

and liquid powders. Victorian ladies loved the latter and blended it over face, throat, shoulders, arms and even hands. Fair red lipstick, and delicately blended rouge will give your face a flowerlike look, but the results will be accomplished in a different way than that employed by your grandmother. Victorian ladies rubbed their cheeks with a red rose from last season's hat, then pinched and patted for a higher glow.

Try Dumplings For Variety In Meals

By JUDITH WILSON

DO YOU want to prepare your Drop by tablespoons on gently boiling stew or gravy. (Thicken Would you like something extra to serve with a meat or fish dish? Do dumplings.) Cover pot tightly and boil gently but steadily 12 to 15 minutes without removing cover. Serve immediately on hot platter around stew. Makes 12 medium-sized dumplings.

DINNERS

Irish Stew with Dumplings
Buttered Carrots
Pear and Cheese Salad
Cocoanut Custard Pie Coffee

Tomato Juice
Boiled Beef with Horseradish Sauce
Buttered Beets
Parsley Potato Balls
Celery
Apple Dumplings with Whipped Cream Coffee

Here are some hints to keep dumpling on the fluffy side. Just mix the batter enough to moisten all the flour; give the dumplings plenty of room so they can double in size; keep the stew or other liquid boiling gently but steadily; keep the kettle covered tightly so that steam will not escape; and don't peek for at least 10 minutes.

Dumplings may be made with or without egg. The plain dumplings are generally served with meat stews for 30 seconds. Roll to ¼ inch thickness and cut into six 5-inch squares. Place a peeled and cored apple on each square. Fill centre with sugar, cinnamon and raisins. Fold corners over to cover apple, dampening the edges to form a seal. Bake in a well-greased baking dish in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees F.) about 45 minutes or until apples are done. Serve hot or cold, and with whipped cream or any favourite sauce.

PLAIN DUMPLINGS
1½ cups flour
2 teaspoons phosphate baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
¾ cup milk
Sift flour before measuring it. Then sift again with baking powder and salt. Add milk all at once and mix only enough to moisten the flour.

EGG DUMPLINGS

1 egg
3 tablespoons milk
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon phosphate baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
Beat egg until light, add milk and mix. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder; add egg and milk to flour mixture and mix only enough to moisten flour. Drop by spoonfuls into hot gravy. Cook fifteen minutes without removing cover.

APPLE DUMPLINGS

2 cups flour
3 teaspoons phosphate baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons shortening
½ cup milk
6 small apples
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Sift flour. Measure and sift again with baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening very fine; add milk and mix to a soft dough. Toss onto a lightly floured board. Knead gently for 30 seconds. Roll to ¼ inch thickness and cut into six 5-inch squares. Place a peeled and cored apple on each square. Fill centre with sugar, cinnamon and raisins. Fold corners over to cover apple, dampening the edges to form a seal. Bake in a well-greased baking dish in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees F.) about 45 minutes or until apples are done. Serve hot or cold, and with whipped cream or any favourite sauce.

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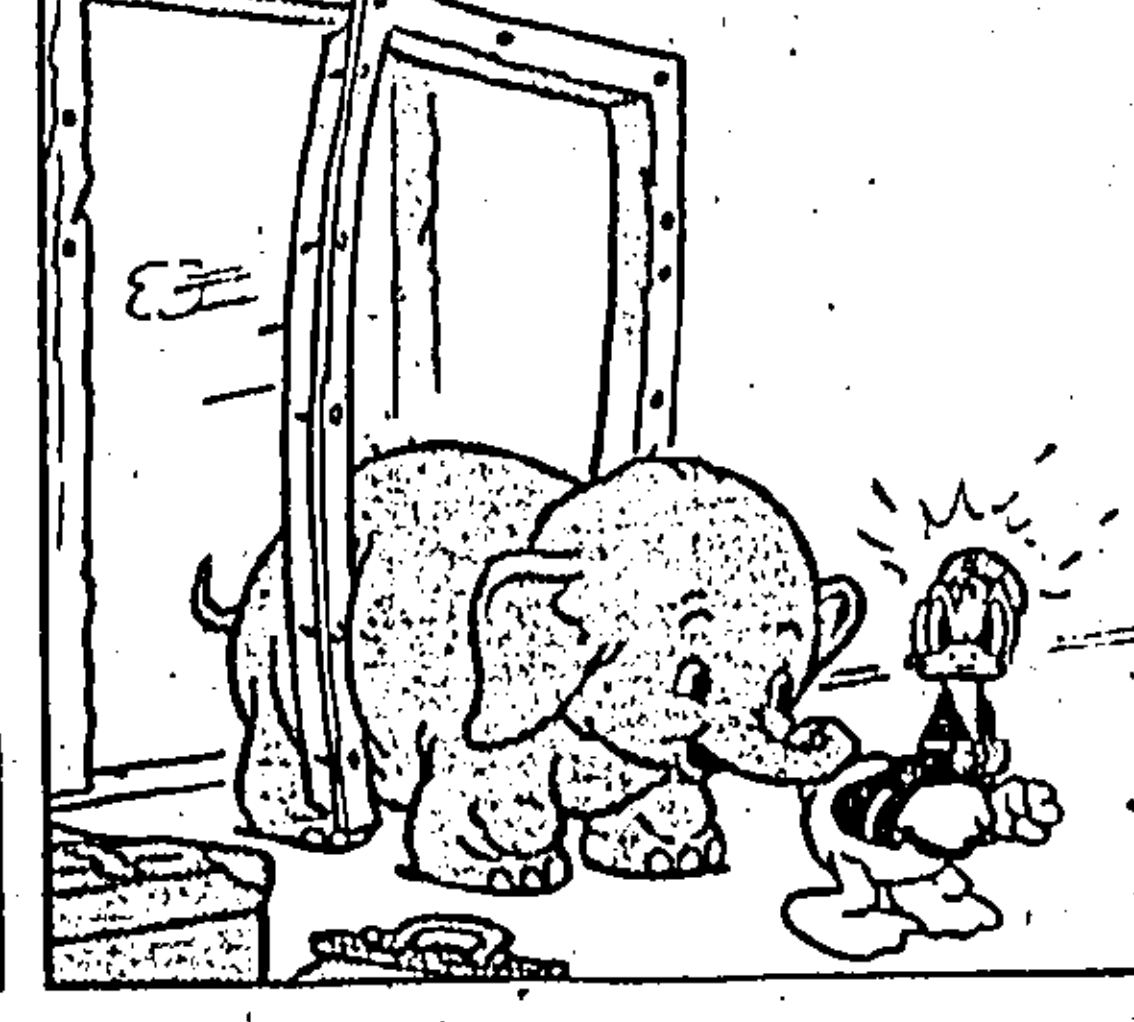
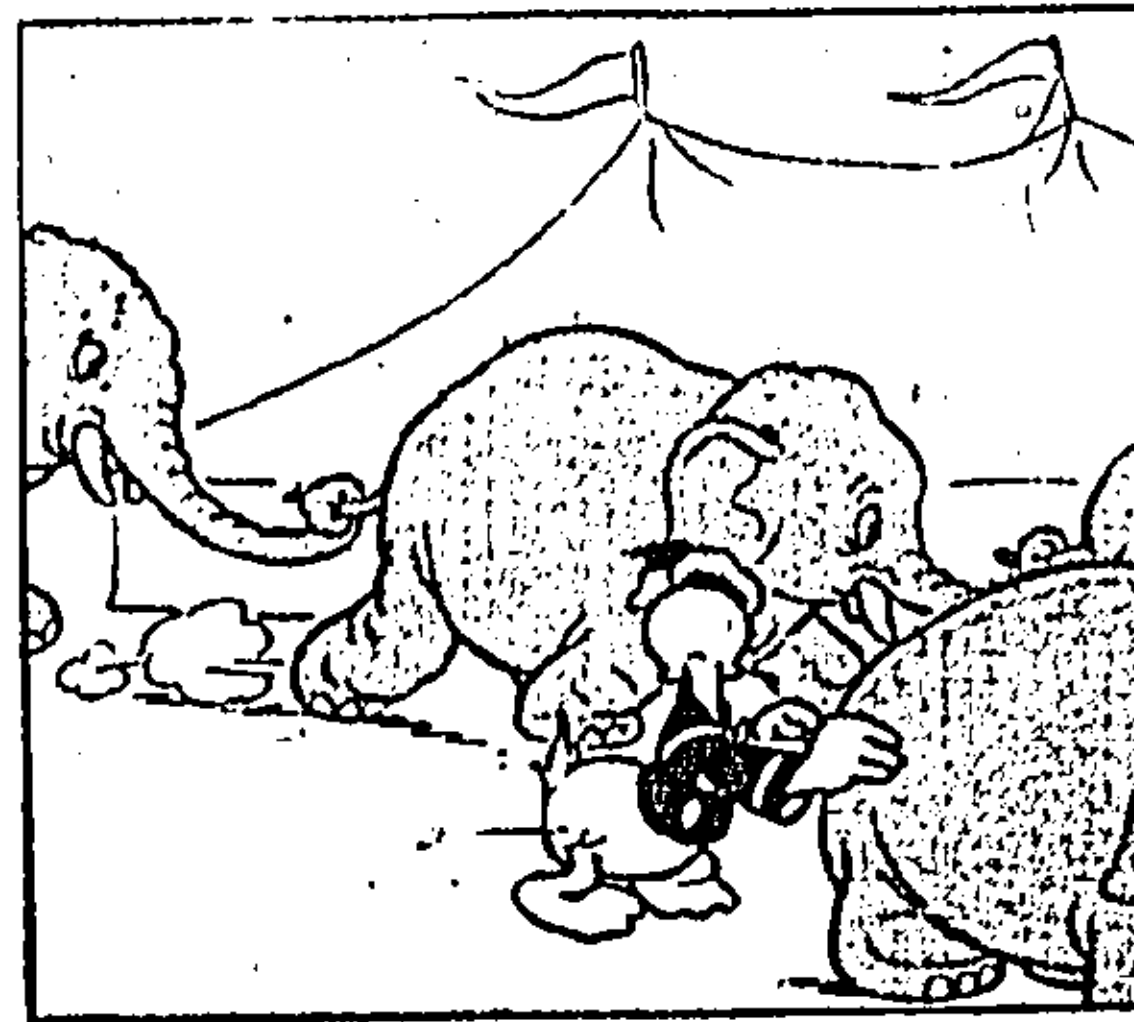
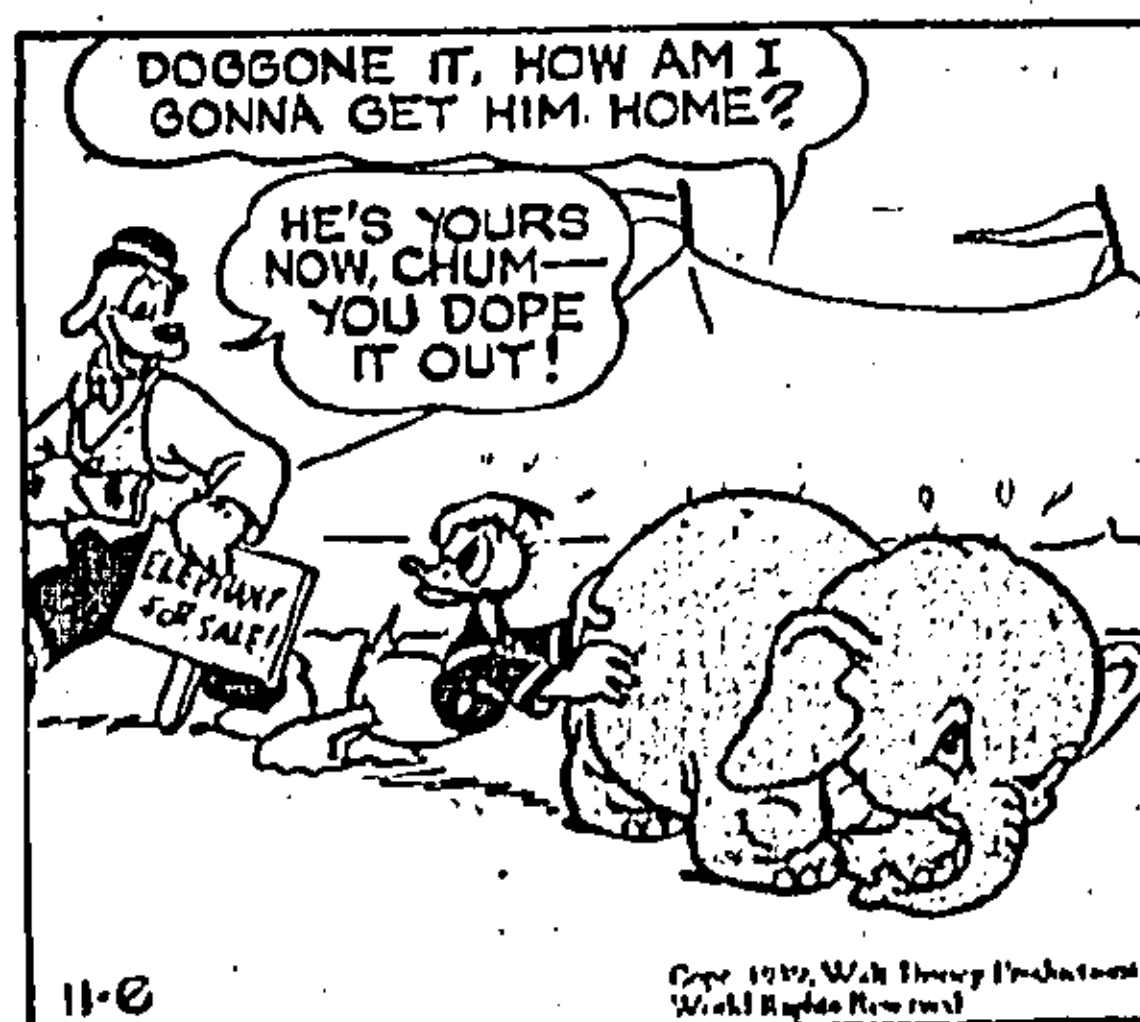
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During the week ending on Saturday, there were in Hongkong 77 traffic accidents, as the result of which a man was killed and 39 people injured. The man killed, a Chinese aged about 35, was knocked down by a bus while he was crossing the carriageway carelessly.

Of those injured, 16 were pedestrians, who were crossing the carriageway carelessly and were struck by vehicles. Two bicycle riders were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles. A private car driver and a motor cyclist were injured when their vehicles ran off the road. Two lorry passengers and two tram passengers were injured on falling off moving lorries and moving trams respectively. Three tram passengers and three bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving trams and moving buses respectively.

Of 77 accidents, 39 were collisions between vehicles; 41 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; seven accidents were due to other causes.

Dance at I.R.C.

The Indian Recreation Club will hold their first dance of the winter at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 9 p.m. The Francis Curnello band has been engaged.

Prizes will be awarded for the most original fancy dress and also for spot dances.

Admission is \$2 for men and \$1.50 for ladies.

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From DAVID SCOTT

FRANCE.

TO-DAY, for the first time in this war, I saw a scene that is enacted in all wars after battle, and never fails to produce a curious conflict of impressions, brave and sad.

It was a review, by the General Commanding a group of armies, of a regiment that had distinguished itself in action and was now going to the rear.

The four squadrons of the regiment were there. On the right of the line was the light artillery—anti-tank guns drawn by horses, and machine-guns loaded on pack animals.

In the centre was the "banne," a white horse's tail tied to a lance-head, which follows the Commander of the Regiment, and can be seen from far off.

Troops carried a small crepe streamer for the regiment's dead.

On the left of the line were the Regimental Colour and the mounted trumpeters. Faces of the men, under close-fitting steel helmets, were sombre for the most part—marked with grim memories, yet touched with pride.

They Rode Proudly

This was an entirely equestrian cavalry regiment, and it has great tradition.

So the men rode past proudly, in spite of spongy soil, and six weeks' fighting. The officers, hardly needed the little lecture which the General added to the congratulations of the High Command.

A trick of the Nazi propagandists has been an attempt to create alarm among Alsatian refugees.

Most of these have been sent to South-West France, and Nazi agents have spread rumours in this area in which the Alsatians are told that the homes they have abandoned have been looted by the French troops.

It was partly to scotch these lies that the French Army authorities invited British journalists on the French front to Strasbourg to see for themselves how they are taking care of it.

In Army's Case

Perhaps for the first time in history a town of 200,000 inhabitants has been taken over by the Army, and is now under its care. Essential municipal services, such as street cleaning, sanitation, and the little lighting still allowed, are provided by the Army. Strasbourg is a very clean town.

HAW PAR AMBULANCE

During November the Haw Par Accident Station treated 833 cases, including the Outpatients' Department. These comprised 25 accident cases, 69 sick patients and 719 outpatients. Seven people were dead on arrival.

Of the outpatients, 310 were children under the age of ten years.

CUBAN
DICTATORNow A Candidate For
Presidency

Havana, Dec. 8.
Colonel Batista announced his candidacy for the Presidency of the Constitutional Army.

In his farewell speech to the armed forces, Colonel Batista announced his candidacy for the Presidency and referred to the Army's "blessed constructive revolution." He appealed to the civil and military forces to uphold the electoral code and to guarantee a fair Presidential election.

"I hope to triumph, but I do not want to be elected if the election is bad for Cuba," he declared.

The soldiers gave him an ovation and carried him on their shoulders to the Officers' Club where a banquet was held, after which he retired to his suburban home at Miramar.

Colonel Jose Pedraza Cabrera was sworn in to succeed Colonel Batista.

Colonel Batista is famous as the power behind Cuba; he has made two Presidents and unmade three since 1933 when he came into the open as the head of the Sergeant's Rebellion. It took an all night session of all the officers of the army to persuade Batista to become a colonel after this successful revolt which he carried through as a sergeant. Colonel Batista established good relations with Mr. Sumner Wells when he was American Ambassador to Cuba and last year he was received by President Roosevelt with whom he is credited to have agreed on close military relations between Cuba and the United States.

The Windsors Back in England



The Duke and Duchess of Windsor photographed recently at South-Hartfield House. The house is shown in smaller picture. The Duke has since gone to France.

MUSLIMS LEAGUE

Day of Thanksgiving For
End of Congress

Bombay, Dec. 7.
Dr. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, has instructed Muslims throughout India to observe December 22 as a day of deliverance and thanksgiving that the Congress Governments ceased to function.

He urged the League to hold meetings on that day to pass resolutions that the Congress Ministries had failed to safeguard the rights of Muslims and flouted their opinions and that the Provincial Governments should institute inquiries into the wrongs done to the Muslims by the outgoing Ministries.—*Reuter Special.*

BOUND FOR AMERICA

German-Jewish Emigres
Stowaway on U.S. Ship

Shanghai, Dec. 7.
Two German 19-year-old Jewish emigres who attempted to stow away aboard the President Taft yesterday were discovered on the promenade deck nonchalantly walking about a few minutes after the President Taft had cast off.

A tender picked up the stowaways and turned them over to the French Police.
The youths will be tried to-morrow in the Chinese Court, but as it has no law against stowing away, it is probable that the offenders cannot be punished.—*United Press.*

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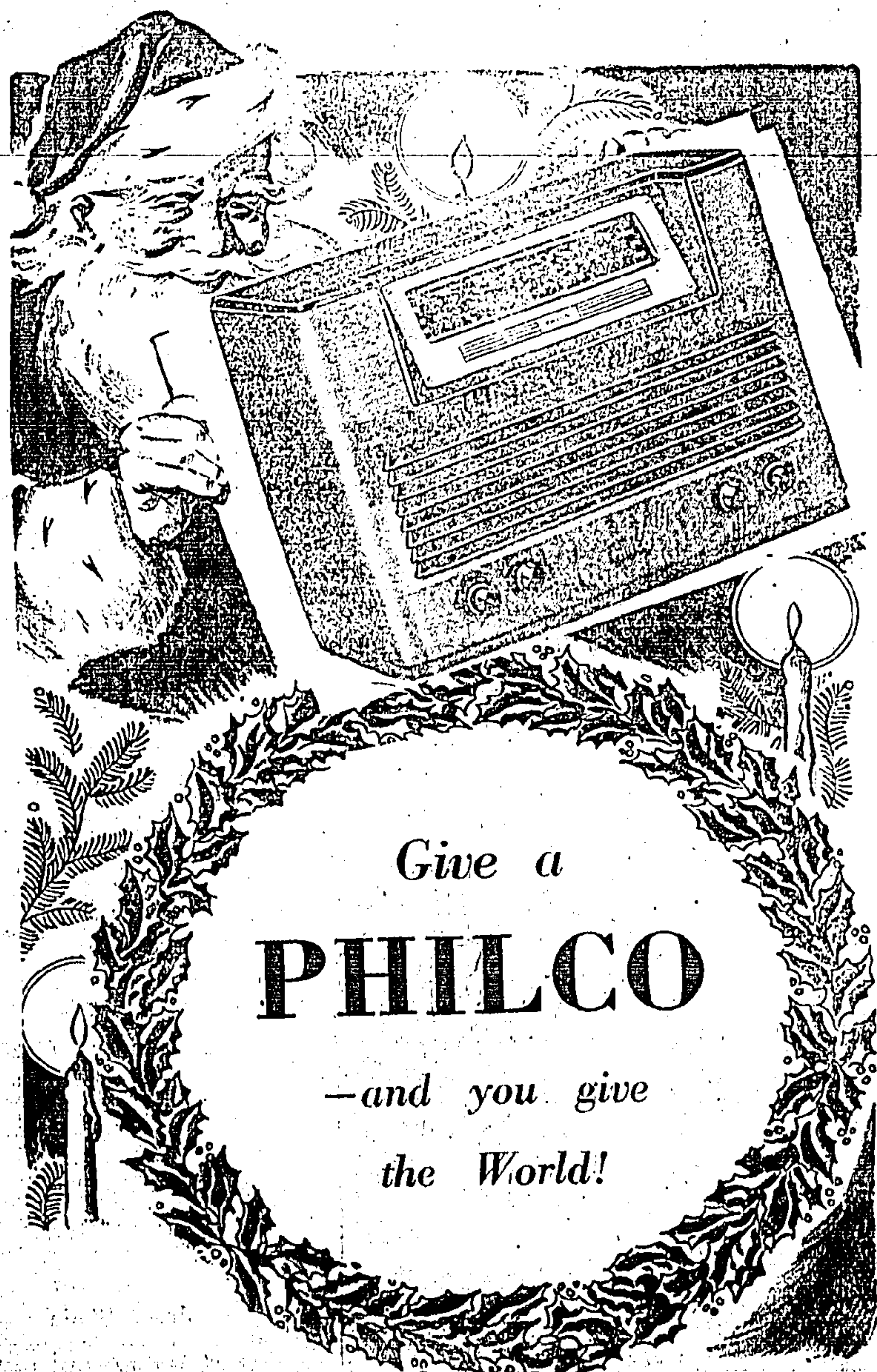
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London, Dec. 7.
Miss Kay Stammers, famous tennis player, and Mr. Michael Menzies, a young Scottish-business man training for an army commission, have announced their engagement. The marriage will take place early in the New Year.—*Reuter Special.*





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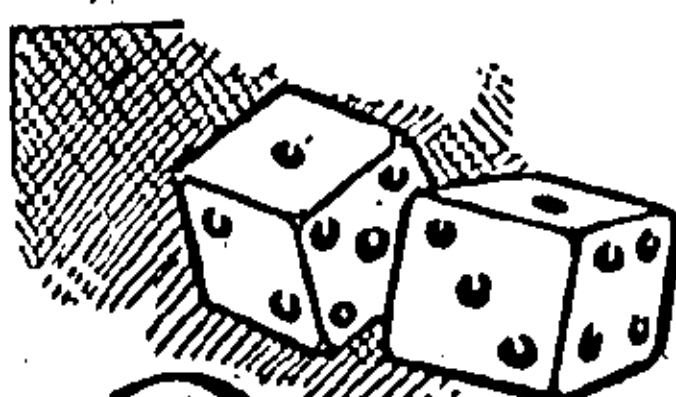
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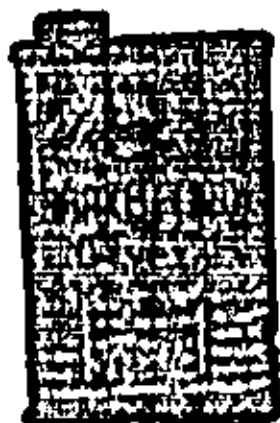
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98th Day of the War Taking Stock

IN his statement on Britain's position at sea, reported in the "Telegraph" yesterday, Mr. Churchill once again cites some solid and reassuring facts.

During the first 14 weeks of war, we have lost 340,000 tons of merchant shipping through U-boat action and mines. In the same period we have captured 280,000 tons from the enemy, leaving a net loss of only 60,000 tons.

At the height of the submarine campaign in 1917, the gap between sinkings and new constructions reached enormous proportions, and almost throughout the whole course of the war it was very much greater than the present one.

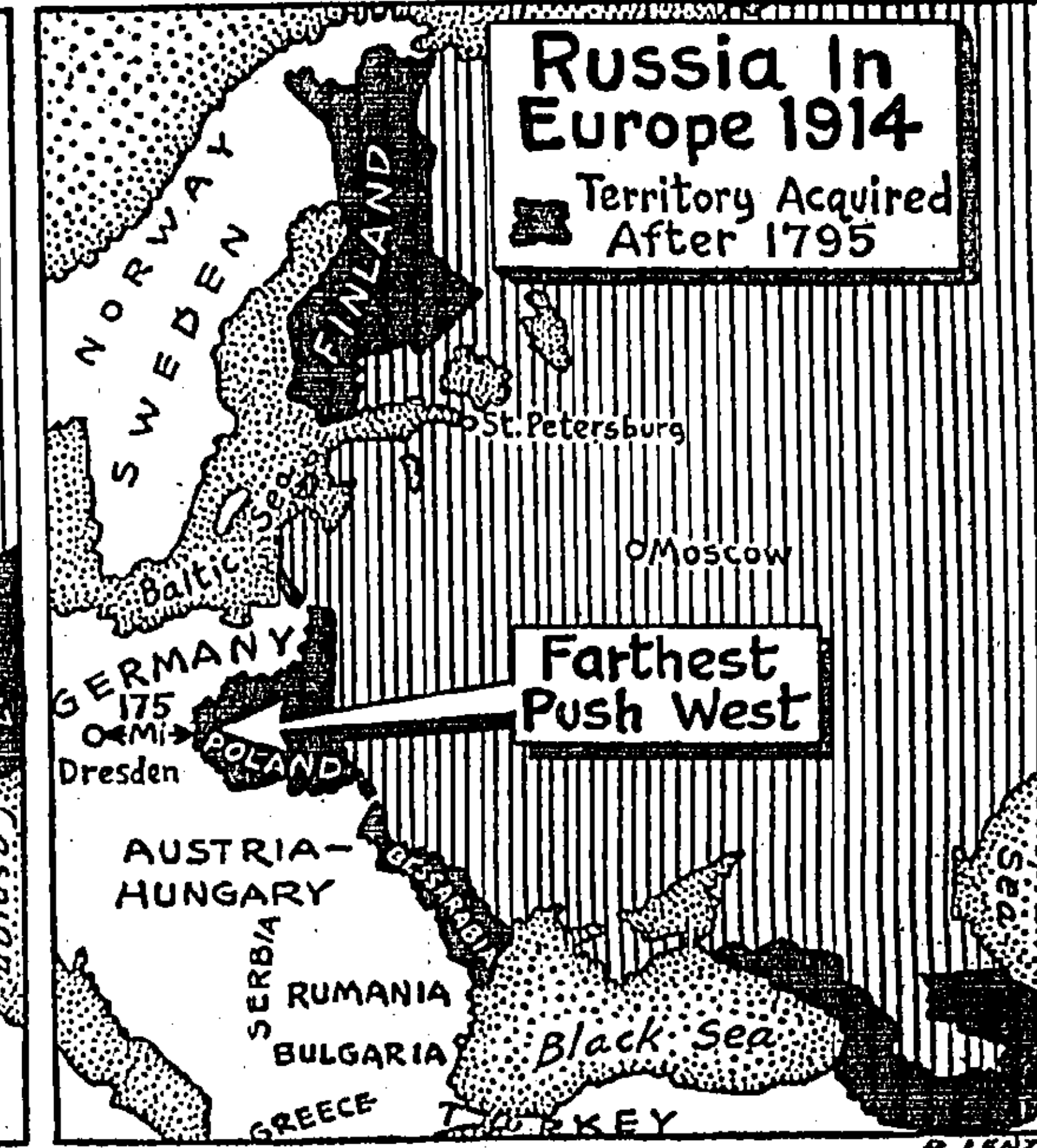
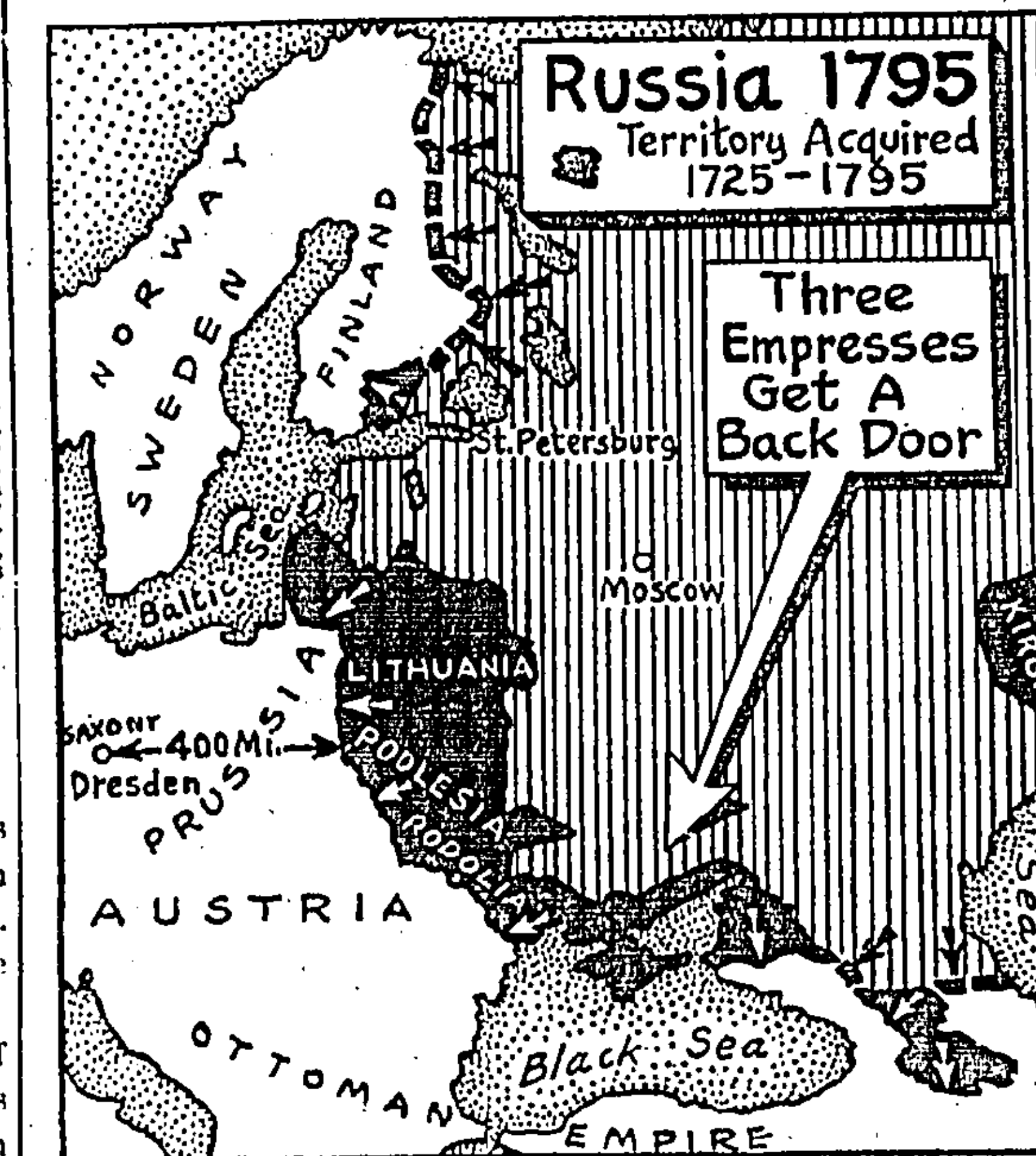
On balance, our net losses in fourteen weeks of war amount to no more than 60,000 tons. Considering that we have a merchant fleet of 21,000,000 tons, Mr. Churchill is obviously justified in his assertion that our mercantile marine is practically unaffected.

The Nazis can make no such claims for the U-boat position. At least five U-boats have been sunk since the First Lord of the Admiralty made his last report to the House of Commons, a rate of destruction that we never achieved in the last war. Out of 60 U-boats which were ready for action at the beginning of September almost half must now be lost. Such a rate of destruction of submarines and of trained crews cannot be endured for long by Germany.

Unlike past weeks, Britain has not suffered any new losses on the Royal Navy side. The Rawalpindi—an armed auxiliary cruiser—was destroyed after a gallant action last week.

The balance is on our side in every direction—on the sea, in the air, on land and on the economic front.

THE RUSSIAN ROLLER ROLLS



—From the "Christian Science Monitor"

RUSSIA OPENS FRONT AND BACK DOORS TO THE WEST

The Mother of the Slavs sprawls over a continent, now balancing, now upsetting Europe's delicate balance of power. Her present advance in Europe has been at the invitation of Hitler; but her fundamental interests in the Baltic and the Balkans would seem to clash with those of Germany. How long then can this unnatural alliance continue?

HAS Russia begun a westward push? Is it going to play a role in Europe again?

You yourself must give the answer. It is written where all may read. It is scrawled in gigantic letters across the most titanic land empire that has ever persisted among the nations of men. The sentences are irregular and distorted, as if made by children, or in the dark. But any discerning man can make them out.

They take us back towards the end of the last millennium. They reveal a boundless expanse of level steppes, dreary swamps, trackless forests. All is as formless as a shoreless sea. Currents surge through it as bewildered gulf streams; unending waves leap and fall in futile rhythm. They are the tribes of the earth, wandering without compass and without chronicle; wandering whithersoever hunger leads or fear drives, ravaging, devouring, disappearing. A limitless, inarticulate human ocean—that was Russia.

Then somehow, from somewhere, there appeared a definite type, the Slavs. They splintered as a drop of milk fallen on a stone. In time there were Slavs in the Balkans, Slavs in the Carpathians, Slavs in the Alps, Slavs in the Peloponnese.

Christianity (989)
Looking farther upon that formless Slavic sea you see a light piercing the gloom. Religion comes to the Russian Slavs (989). From China? No. From India? No. From the West, through Constantinople. It is Christianity. That's a new link with Europe. To the instinctive tie of hunger is added the invisible bond of faith. The Slavs move West.

Duchy Of Moscow (1300)
Imagine them now as clouds covering the sky. They are always in motion. No constant form; no persisting colour. The clouds meet, confound, separate, merge again—endlessly. Not there's a dense mass there in the middle that seems to stay together. It looks like a whale; like an elephant; like a camel. Like all of them, and none of them. But it remains, it does not vanish. It will never vanish.

Ivan The Terrible (1533-84)

The Duchy of Moscow has come into being. Russia has begun. The Slavs have a mother. Mother Russia is on the way to Europe.

Russia moves slowly. She does not travel in a buggy. She has no roads, and must make her way as she goes. So she rides on a "bulldozer," the most formidable of all American excavating machines, a scraper pushed by a crawling tractor that tears out trees, boulders, buildings, as it moves. Russia had a bulldozer 500 years ago. And has constantly been driving it to the West, clumsy, huge, slow, mighty.

Russia had no shore, no door to the outside world; no port, no way out. Of course, it tried to drive the bulldozer through the woods and swamps to a sea. The "terrible Ivan" was one of the mightiest of drivers. He went in every direction, greatly expanding his empire. He sat as a colossus on his monstrous caterpillar but he couldn't get to a door.

Peter The Great (1682-1725)

However, the bulldozer didn't stop. It constantly gained in power. The Russian nation is the mightiest biological force on earth. It moves as a glacier. Who can stop a glacier?

Peter the Great at last directs it to the sea. He takes the Baltic states. So Russia has a door, a front door. Russia goes to the West, the West comes into Russia. The Sea surges through Russia's own portal. A splendid city rises upon it, welcoming Europe to Moscow, directing Moscow to Europe.

The city is St. Petersburg. Over onion-domed, gold-decked churches bells exultantly cry, "Russia has a door!"

The Empresses (1730-96)

But the bulldozer has not stopped. Russia's huge house requires another door, a southern portal—into the Mediterranean. So Russia pushes on. Women are now masters; emperors rule the Russians. But it matters not who holds the wheel. The needs and strivings of the millions guide and impel the tank.

Turkey blocks the way! Turkey had a grand empire when Russia was little more than a Muscovite duchy. It dominated North Africa, much of Asia, and a good deal of Europe while Russia was still wading in its swamps. But Russia needs a door; it won't be stopped. War follows war. Barrier after barrier is raised, road after road is blocked. Half of Europe comes to Turkey's aid—all to no avail. The tank goes on and on. It tears out forests, smashes citadels, crushes an empire; crushes to the sea. Russia has a southern door, another road to the West. Russia now has two arms with which to embrace Europe. It is the end of the 18th century.

The Alexanders (1825-81)

But time did not end in 1817. The century did not stop with the Russian tank. The empire extends over nearly one-sixth of the earth's land surface but that is not enough. The machine moves on. It rolls over little Finland (1809), passes over almost the whole of Poland (1815) rolls over the Balkans clear to the outpost of Constantinople (1878), crushing Bulgaria and Rumania, retaining the province of Bessarabia.

That endured until 1917.

Josef Stalin

But time did not end in 1917. The course of Russian history is not deflected. Russian power is not exhausted; the Russian bulldozer not PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Can you play some old fashioned dances—like the Black Bottom?"

OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGEDaring Jewel
Robbery

More than 20 pieces of jewelry valued at \$27,000 were stolen yesterday afternoon from 48 Sibbs Road, the home of Mr. J. H. Jessen, partner of Jessen and Co.

The jewel box, which had been left in a wardrobe, was found empty under a bed.

The daring daylight robbery is believed to have taken place between 2.30 p.m. and 4.15 p.m.

The beautiful collection of jewelry included many articles made by the Hongkong firm of Sennet-Freres, the most expensive item stolen being a large diamond bracelet of six large solitaire diamonds of three carats each, and a large number of other diamonds, of a total value of \$10,000. This piece bears the mark of W. Allemand, of Montreux.

Another valuable article was a diamond bracelet, made by Sennet-Freres, valued at \$7,000.

Valued at \$2,000 a large platinum brooch set with pearls and six large diamonds is also missing. This was also made by Sennet-Freres.

Other missing articles include a gold net evening bag valued at \$1,200, a diamond pendant set with a large grey pearl (\$2,000), a jade necklace with diamond clasps (\$800), a jade and coralline bracelet set with jade and coralline stones alternating (\$500), one oval shaped jade brooch set with gold (\$500), and a pair of pearl earrings set with four diamonds (\$250).

Several rings and other articles are also missing.

No trace of the stolen property or the thief has yet been found by the Police.

British Blockade

JAPAN'S
VIEWS

Tokyo, Dec. 7.

The Japanese Government's contention that the British blockade of German exports constitutes a violation of international law remains intact, the spokesman of the Navy Office, Rear-Admiral Masao Kana-sawa, declared at the Press conference to-day.

Replying to a foreign correspondent, the Navy spokesman said that after Japan has protested to the British Government regarding the matter, he hoped the British Government would pay due consideration to the Japanese representations.

Referring to a Press report that the Japanese Government would take a definite action in case of a British refusal to accept the Japanese protest, a foreign correspondent asked the Navy official what kind of action the Navy would take.

The Navy spokesman said the Press report reflects Japan's public opinion, but declined to make any further comment.

Recalling that Britain enforced a similar blockade in February, 1915 during the World War, when the United States protested against it, the spokesman said that the British measure was as good as a retaliation against the action of the other party in the current conflict, but it tended to inflict damage on neutrals and the damage would be so heavy that neutrals would not be able to bear it.

The spokesman referred in this connection to a Washington message that the United States Government has also allegedly decided to lodge a protest with the British Government against the blockade measure.

KING, PRESIDENT
MEET IN FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—An historic encounter took place in a French provincial town behind the lines to-day when the heads of the British Empire and France clasped hands.

His Majesty King George VI entertained President Lebrun and M. Daladier at a lunch at which Viscount Gort, the Duke of Gloucester and other high French and British officers were present.

Cordial toasts were exchanged, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the B.E.F.

S.A.-PORTUGAL
CONFABS

LISBON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Colonel Reitz, the South African Minister for Native Affairs and recently representative at the Empire talks in London, arrived at Lisbon to-day, and is now visiting Portugal at the invitation of the Portuguese Government.

He will discuss matters of great interest to Portugal and South Africa, particularly in connection with Angola and Mozambique.

The Portuguese press emphasises the importance of his visit to Portugal.

FEAR OF NAZI
ON SWEDENRusso-German Distrust
Becoming Evident

Latest fears in Europe are that either Germany or Russia, or both, may stage an attack on Sweden. It is rumoured in France that Germany is growing anxious lest the Soviet threat to Finland may lead to action against that country, thereby robbing Germany of one important source of essential ores and other materials.

The possibility of German pressure on the Soviet to prevent such a move by Moscow being impossible, the only alternative is a German attack. Attacks made in the Reich Press on members of the Swedish Government provide evidence that such an attack may be envisaged by the Reich leaders.

Stockholm, Dec. 7.

Reliable quarters here fear the German Press attacks on M. Sandler, Swedish Premier, may prelude German action against Sweden.

Reconstruction of the Government without M. Sandler would take the wind out of the sails of these attacks, although well-informed quarters here consider M. Sandler's possible departure may be due to his attitude on the Finnish question and not the German attacks.—Reuter.

Growing Mistrust

Paris, Dec. 7.

Mistrust between Russia and the Reich is growing, writes the Zurich correspondent of Le Journal. Both want the Swedish ores and both are trying to pick a quarrel with Sweden as an excuse to invade her.

The correspondent continues that the Germans would apparently have no objection to the Russians installing themselves in Norway, but bagging the Swedish mines would be considered in the worst taste.

It is clear, however, that Moscow's desires will prevail, for the day on which Germany attempts to oppose the Red expansion plans she will sign her own death warrant.—Reuter Special.

German Supplies

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The interest displayed in the Press in Finland's access to war materials from foreign countries has been heightened by well-authenticated information that as recently as ten days ago munitions were arriving in Finland from Germany.

The materials included some seized by Germany in Czechoslovakia, and it is reported that new rifles at a lower price have now been offered to Finland.

In view of the fact that, as Lord Halifax stated in the House of Lords, the Russian attack seemed to be the direct consequence of German policy, and as in the opinion of close observers this aggression was made with German connivance in return for Russian "neutrality" in other parts of Europe, some uncertainty is expressed in newspapers as to how munitions for Finland will be permitted to pass through Germany.

Newspapers also announce war material for Finland is being obtained from British firms. It is reported this material included 20 British fighter aeroplanes, which are stated to be on their way to Finland.—British Wireless.

China Diplomatic

Chungking, Dec. 7.

Well-informed Chinese sources state China will probably not suggest the discussion of the Sino-Japanese war at the forthcoming League of Nations Council and Assembly meetings.

It is stated that China is expected to refrain from committing herself in the Russo-Finnish dispute.—United Press.

Delegates Arriving

Geneva, Dec. 7.

The Chinese delegation, including Dr. Wellington Koo, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, and Dr. Wanze King, are expected to arrive in Geneva to-morrow to attend the League Assembly meetings.

It is learned that unless insisted upon by the Chinese delegation, China's appeal will likely not be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming session.

To-day's evening papers in Switzerland emphasise the importance of the attitude of the Baltic States and China vis-a-vis the Assembly.—Central News.

Pope Praises Italy

Rome, Dec. 7.

When Dr. Alfieri presented his letters of credence to the Pope as Italian Ambassador to the Vatican, His Holiness paid a warm tribute to Italy which, thanks to the wisdom of the Government, is preserved from war.

His Holiness declared that this neutrality placed Italy in a favorable position to cooperate in the re-establishment of true peace.—Reuter.

Moscow Legation Closes

Moscow, Dec. 7.

The Finnish Minister and 20 members of the Legation staff expect to receive their passports to-day to leave at 5.59 p.m. for Stockholm via Berlin.

Count von Schulenburg, German Ambassador, as Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, has suggested to the neutral Embassies and Legations, except the United States Embassy, that their members should not be present at the station to see the Finns off.

He declared this would have the appearance of an anti-Soviet demonstration.—Reuter Special.

The Fighting

Finns Are
Resisting
Strongly

Helsinki, Dec. 7.

The military authorities categorically deny the Soviet claim that their troops have broken the Mannerheim Line across the Isthmus of Karelia.—Reuter.

Activity in the Air

Helsinki, Dec. 7.

An official war bulletin states that five Red planes bombed Petsamo and Laitakari, north of Lake Ladoga, unsuccessfully, and that the Finnish air force shot down two enemy planes.—United Press.

Finland Air Force Active

Copenhagen, Dec. 7.

It is reported that Finnish war-planes bombed the Russian air base at the Estonian port of Baltisk where the hangars are stated to have been set on fire.

The Helsinki correspondent of the National Tidnings reports that the Finnish air force also successfully bombed the Russian defence lines at several points.—Reuter.

Not Bombing Weather

Helsinki, Dec. 7.

"What a glorious day!" said the people in Helsinki this morning when they saw a thick blanket of fog covering the ground and it was almost impossible to see the tops of the trees.

A heavy thaw set in and there was drizzling rain.

Aerial bombardments are out of the question while this weather lasts.

News from the front does not indicate any violent fighting at the moment. The Russians are reported to have reached the outpost of the Mannerheim Line at one or two points, and the next few days are expected to provide a real test of the efficiency of the Finnish defence system.—Reuter.

Petsamo Reported Taken

Moscow, Dec. 7.

Admitting the Finnish troops have proven more mobile than the Russian columns and are practically invisible in their white uniforms, the Soviet announces that after severe fighting, in which the Finns used their knives to great advantage, Petsamo has been taken and the Soviet troops have made a considerable advance over a wide front in the north.

Petsamo, the report states, was in ruins when the Russians entered it for the second time.—Reuter.

SPY HUNT CARRIED ON

Helsinki, Dec. 7.

A spy hunt has been proceeding in the past few days, together with a round up of Communist sympathisers of the Kuusinen Government.—United Press.

THREAT TO SOVIET

Rear of Invading Army Open to Estonian Attack

Copenhagen, Dec. 7.

The reason for the visit of the Estonian Commander-in-Chief to Moscow this week is the Soviet nervousness over Estonia's pronounced sympathy with Finland, says the Helsinki correspondent of the Berlingske Tidende.

The correspondent adds that the Soviet will demand Estonia to demobilise part of her army in order to make it impossible for Estonia to attack the rear of the Russian army in Finland.—Reuter Bulletin.

SWEDEN'S SYMPATHY

Stockholm, Dec. 7.

The King has telegraphed to President Kailla on the occasion of Finland's Independence Day expressing Sweden's unanimous sympathy and understanding for the hard-pressed people of Finland.—Reuter.

Kowloon F.C.
Bowls Winners

Following are the results of lawn bowls competitions at K.F.C. during the year:

Club championship—Winner J. C. Brown; runner-up A. Eastman. Handicap singles—Winner V. Chittenden; runner-up A. Eastman. Pairs competition—Winners V. Chittenden, Gibson; runner-up A. Eastman, W. Groves. Novices' Competition—Winner R. Hughes; runner-up W. Groves. Finks Competition—Winners B. Evans, R. Hughes; C. Downman, W. Field; runner-up B. Thomas, B. Wong. W. Excell, T. Ferguson.

Polish Subs
Escape

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Two Polish submarines, Wilk and Orzel, escaped from the Baltic. They have joined the British Navy. The Orzel was at Gdynia when Poland was invaded and sought refuge at Tallinn from which place it escaped later.

AIR RAID
SCARE IN
SCOTLAND

London, Dec. 7.

An air raid warning was sounded in the Firth of Forth area at about mid-day.

The all clear was sounded about 20 minutes later.

Heavy gunfire was heard all along the coast and aeroplanes flying at a great height were observed diving.

No reports have so far been received of bombs being dropped.—Reuter.

GERMAN PLANES ENGAGED

London, Dec. 7.

It is reported that no German planes reached land and there was no attack on the Forth itself.

It is believed that a number of German aircraft were engaged over the North Sea.—Reuter.

R.A.F. CASUALTY LIST

London, Dec. 7.

The R.A.F. thirteenth casualty list contains 48 names, comprising 33 killed in action or active service (six of whom were previously reported missing), three missing, and 12 dead while on active service.—Reuter Special.

FINLAND'S APPEAL
TO WORLD

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If she should succeed against Britain and France?

Labour Indignation

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—"Profound horror and indignation" at the Soviet attack on Finland is expressed in a statement of the National Council of Labour, which pays tribute to the courage and resolution of the Finnish nation in resisting the aggression.

Russia Indicted

The statement calls on free nations to have every practical aid to Finland in the struggle to preserve their own institutions of civilisation and democracy.

The statement further declares that the Soviets have violated treaty obligations towards Finland and have sought to secure, by armed force, strategic bases on Finnish territory which would menace the freedom and security of other States round the Baltic Sea.

The Soviets are now apparently seeking forcibly to incorporate Finland within Soviet Russia.

Sovietism Rejected

"Soviet Imperialism has thus revealed itself as using the same methods as the Nazis, against which the British working class is united in the war now raging."

The statement declares that British Labour, in the light of recent events, repudiates utterly the claims of Russia to be the leader of the world's working class movement, interpreter of Socialist principles, and custodian of international peace.

Plans for Finland

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Finnish air force has taken delivery of some 50 or 60 Italian planes.

British factories will be sending 30 fighter aircraft to Finland shortly, and also a large quantity of war materials.

Orders for these were placed some time ago, and shipments will be in fulfilment of private contracts, it is emphasised in London.

The British Government has no connection with these shipments.

Crops On Credit For Finns

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt hopes that he will be able to help the Finns by supplying them with surplus crops on credit.

U.S. Economy
Urged'Pump Priming' Not
Remedy For Ills

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (UP).—The governing Finance Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers in a report to the Senate that "pump priming" has not remedied the nation's ills and that it must be replaced by governmental economy if taxation obstacles to private industry are to be reduced.

The report said that interest charges on the Federal Debt, this year are 43 per cent. greater than the entire annual cost of running the Government before the World War.

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—An official communiqué states that Mr. Winston Churchill has returned to London after a brief visit to North England.

Rothomero Court

Action Echo

Princess
Hohenlohe
To Leave

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—An echo of the recent Lord Rothomero court case was heard in the House of Commons when Mr. George Strauss asked the Home Secretary whether, in view of the revelations in the recent High Court action of her close association with the German Chancellor, he was considering the deportation of Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe.

Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, replied: "I understand that this Hungarian subject has made arrangements to leave the country by boat and will be sailing in a few days."

BIG DUTCH
SHIP SUNK

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The 4,697-ton Liverpool steamer Chancellor is reported to have been sunk in the Atlantic following a collision with another vessel in convoy. The crew were rescued.

The Chancellor was carrying a cargo of American cotton.

Norwegian Victim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 7 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Norwegian steamship Primula (1,024 tons) was sunk in the North Sea on Wednesday, presumably by a mine.

Eight of the crew are missing. Seven survivors, three of whom are injured, have been landed in Scotland.

At least two ships—one Dutch and one Belgian—have been intercepted and taken to contraband control bases for investigation since the extension of the blockade of German exports.

British Trawler Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that H.M. trawler Washington (209 tons) was sunk yesterday in the North Sea, with the loss of eight lives.

NAVAL INVASION
THOUGHT NEAR

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with cold, methodical fury.

According to the "Aften Bladet," the Soviet steam-roller movement on the Karelian Isthmus is apparently checked and may even be stuck.

Kemijarvi Engagement

It is reported from Helsinki that a heavy engagement occurred north-east of Kemijarvi.

Three thousand Russians were driven back.

The retirement of Finnish troops has brought them to their main line of defence in this sector.

Finnish Government departments are still functioning in Helsinki, using secret addresses, and changing telephone numbers constantly in order to frustrate possible espionage.

A total of 2,500 Swedes have offered to serve in the Finnish forces.

"NO, NO, NANETTE"

Philharmonic Production
Opens Next Week

Rehearsals for the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's production of "No, No, Nanette" are in full swing and the talent so far revealed gives promise of a most successful show.

Prominent in the cast are Harry Cockle and Willie Simpson, both first-rate comedians with a real knowledge of stagecraft.

Jean Greig takes the part of Nanette, and Nina Valentine (firm favourite of Philharmonic audiences) plays Lucille. Both are delightful and should improve still more as the rehearsals progress.

Nina Valentine's comedy number with Willie Simpson, "As Long as You Come Home With Me," should prove one of the big hits of the show.

Anne Parke has a great chance as the other wife and makes full use of it. Other noteworthy performers are Peggy Scocher, Janie Weller, Peggy Stoneman, Betty Richards and Peter Wilson.

All the profits of the show will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund. Shows will be given on December 13, 14, 15 and 16. Booking is now open at the Queen's Theatre.

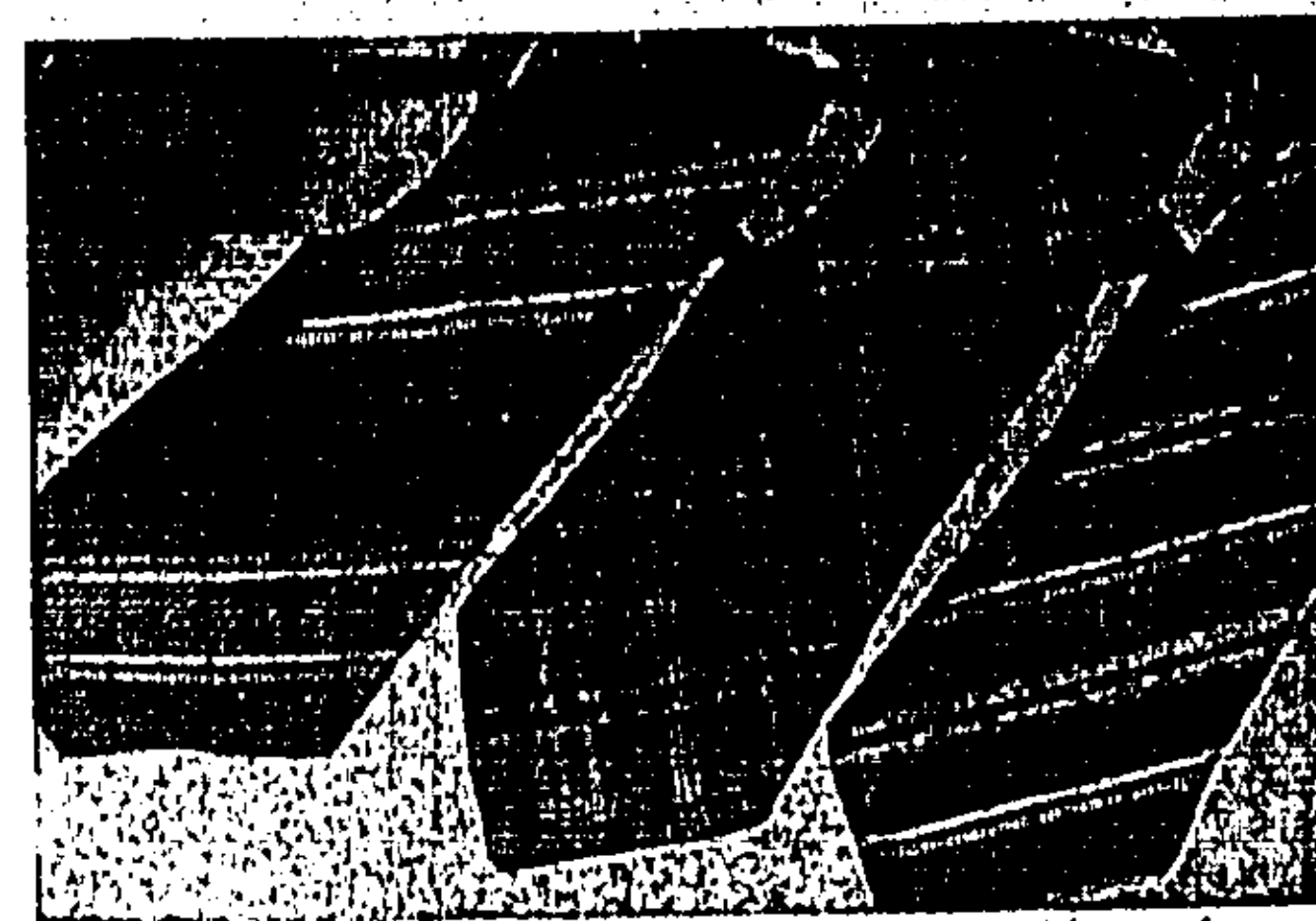
WESTERN FRONT;
"A QUIET DAY"

PARIS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states: "Quiet day on the whole. Patrols on either side. Infantry along the Rhine."

FRENCH DEBATE
THEIR BUDGET

PARIS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The French Chamber of Deputies to-day began its debate on the budget, which comprises about £450,000,000.

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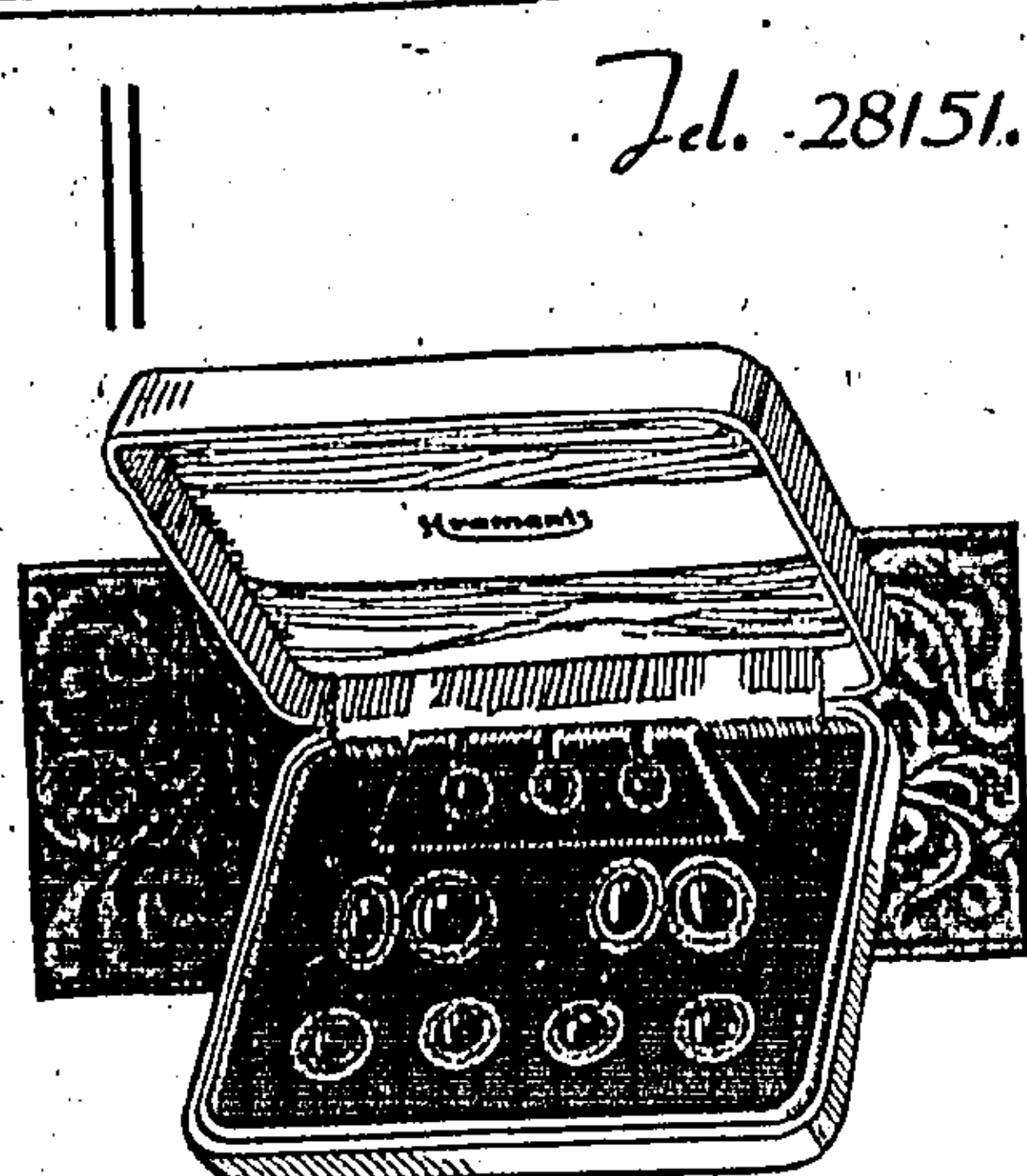
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

THRILLING MEETING AT VALLEY

Galaxy's Surprising Win In St. Andrew's Stakes: First Chinese Success Since 1929

EVERY CONCEIVABLE THRILL known on the racecourse was witnessed at the St. Andrew's Meeting held at Happy Valley last Saturday. The atmospheric conditions were ideal and this was, in certain measure, responsible for the big muster of racegoers, both terraces in the two enclosures being packed to its full capacity.

The main event, the St. Andrew's Stakes for China ponies over the Derby course, was annexed by Galaxy, a griffin of this season, and Mr. L. B. Chao came into double prominence by being the jockey and owner of the winner. It was certainly a great triumph to Mr. Chao, for it was the first occasion that an owner had the pleasure of piloting his own steed in this old Autumn classic and I am sure a record hard to beat.

Immediately after the race the presentation took place in the Stewards' Room before a good crowd of racing fans and Dr. G. D. R. Black, after a short speech, handed the cup to Mr. Chao, who, in a few appropriate words, thanked the Chieftain for the beautiful trophy.

The last Chinese success was in 1929 when One-Third, owned by Mr. Y. M. Loo of Macao, romped home first, beating Xmas Races (Mr. Head up) by a short head after a most thrilling race; the grey gelding was piloted by Mr. G. U. da Rosa. Of course, Mr. Ho Kom-tong was the first Chinese to win the St. Andrew's cup.

A salient feature of the St. Andrew's gymkhana held last Saturday was the failure of those 44 astute mathematicians, who could not select the right horse for the second leg of the daily double event and they were naturally dumfounded when the mighty Ajax was the well backed Roilyly (Mr. Needa up), who dead-headed with Violet Queen (Mr. H. M. Botelho) for second place in the Auld Reekie Handicap. As a result of this miscalculation, the pool amounting to \$7,523 will be carried over to the next meeting to be held on December 16, which will terminate the second half racing season.

This was the fourth occasion that punters failed in their selection to connect the second pony of the combination and it may be of interest to know that the pool of \$7,523 was the biggest since the introduction of the daily double event in 1935, in fact doubling the highest sum of \$3,704 carried over from the second day of the Double Tenth meeting last year. There is no doubt that the daily double event (which will be on the Turf Handicap for "B" class China ponies and the Last Chinese Handicap for "C" class China ponies) at the coming meeting will be very popular and it will surely bring a new band of speculators, who will undoubtedly help to swell the pool.

WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE

AFTER a sequence of three dead heats, Laughing Girl came into her own and with assistance of her usual chaperon, Mr. S. C. Liang, the combination just managed to reach the base line in the nick of time to win the Gorbals Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies, beating Seaside View one of the co-partners in the fast time of 1.29.1/5 over six furlongs, which was a wonderful performance. However, the verdict was not by the length of the lane, in fact only a neck separating the two contenders. On the running of the race and if they had another five yards to go, it would not surprise me to see Laughing Girl and Seaside View crossing the wire together.

After receiving the order to mount for the Gorbals Handicap (first section), confined to "C" class China ponies, National Pride (owned by a Chinese member) was the first to be on the course, but, the pipers and drummers of the Royal Scots were still marching in front of the judge's box. What actually happened, it was not possible to say, but apparently the pony took exception to the "Highland tunes" and without due notice National Pride gave an "order" to his jockey, Mr. S. W. Tang, who was lucky to escape without any injury. With a battalion of manes on the course trying to stop the pony, the grey stallion bolted round the track twice and were it not for the official starter, Mr. Alec Potts, who raised his "red flag," National Pride would have gone on another circle. It was undoubtedly a master stroke and it is to be hoped that in future the use of the red flag will be brought into service when occasion arises. However, the combination had a good start, but National Pride was dead to the world, finishing last but one, keeping an eye on him in his next outing.

MR. CHIU GRADUATED

It must have been a happy day for Mr. C. F. Chiu (a novice) who graduated at the expense of his own racer, Golden Cow, and the pony paid \$110.10 for a win to close the end of a perfect day in the last event. The young jockey rode his maiden win on Mayflower in the Kwong Ho

Civilians' Hockey Team For Sunday

The Civilians' hockey team to meet the Combined Services in aid of the British War Organisation Fund on Sunday at the Club ground was announced yesterday as follows: V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.); V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and J. Gonsalves (Recreio); W. Brown (Police); W. A. Reed (Club); and N. Whitley (C.B.A.); D. T. Smith (C.B.A.); S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); E. Fowler (C.B.A.); and J. Soares (Recreio). Reserves—R. A. Marques (Recreio) and R. J. Reed (Nomads).

Handicap on May 16, 1936, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Chiu's future will be a prosperous one among the better class of experienced riders. The return of Mr. G. R. Chenpe (a novice) from the northern part to the saddle has met with minor successes, securing two thirds on West Lake and Talkative in the first and second sections of the Gallowgate Handicap respectively.

No one has yet attempted to find out the amount of racing fans passed through the turnstiles in the Public Enclosure at any of the Extra Meetings, for I am sure the figure must be an interesting one. There was an exceptionally good demand for the dollar cash sweep at the St. Andrew's meeting in the penultimate event the total amount of tickets sold was 5,825 and the lucky No. 1039, which drew Ajax, received the first prize of \$2,078.90 for an investment of a dollar. In the last race the cost of a cash sweep ticket was \$2 per chance and the first prize was \$4,536.80 which was really wonderful.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

ROSE Emily piloted by the champion jockey was considered the wheel of fortune in the main event, the St. Andrew's Stakes over one and a half miles, and when the varolus counters opened for betting, punters went head over heels for tickets. There was some good money poured over Rose Emily's booth; in fact the mare carried over a third out of a total aggregate of 6,284 and 5,020 tickets sold under the category of win and places respectively.

Rose Emily finished among the "also rans" and it was indeed a sad blow to her faithful supporters. As Mr. Encarnano always had a big public following, it may be of interest to know that an investment of \$24,585 had gone west, representing the value of 2,773 tickets for a win and 1,444 for a place.

For a win in the St. Andrew's Stakes the aggregate chances sold on the nine starters amounted to 9,204 tickets, for places the figure was 5,050 tickets. These two added together would amount to 11,049 tickets involving a turnover of \$50,700, which was the second biggest investment in an event for an extra meeting. However, the highest betting record was set in the Mainly Handicap on June 3 this year, when the total for win and places reached an aggregate of 12,150 tickets representing a turnover of \$60,750.

It is interesting to recall that Celtic Star holds the record of the highest single backed pony with 2,814 tickets for a win and next in order comes PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Rifle Shooting

FAR EAST TROPHY MATCH

The chief event of the Hongkong Rifle Association shoot on Wednesday at Kowloon City was the Far East Trophy Match. This year Hongkong is competing against only two teams, Ceylon and Singapore, as the Federated Malay States are unable to enter a team because their members are so scattered.

Conditions had the appearance of being in favour of the marksmen, but some rude shocks were experienced. A troublesome haze at 200 yards ruined most of the scores, as good elevation could not be maintained. Some good recoveries, however, were made at the longer ranges to compensate for the bad start.

The teams, which were captained by Lt. Le Seclieur, were: Open sights—Ceylon (Middlesex), D/M. Kifford (Middlesex), Sgt. Heap (Marines), Capt. Sequeira (Volunteers), Sub. Insp. Chan (Police Reserve), Sgt. Russell (Police), P. S. M. Cooper (Middlesex), Reserves—Surg. Lt. Mackie and Sub. Lt. Carey. Aperture sights—Major White (Scots), Sgt. Nunn (Engineers), Lt. Set. Pan (Police Reserve), Pte. Bullen (Scots), Pte. Set. Tolison (Air Force), Cpl. Langford (Middlesex), Sgt. Baker (Middlesex), Sgt. Duran Singh (Police), Reserves—W. Gilman (Dockyard), Pte. Scott (Scots).

Members of the team did not compete in the spoon shoot in order to give the "lesser lights" a chance. Capt. Newton (Middlesex) with much self reproach, has now convinced himself that it is not advisable to convert an inner sight, that as he did at 200 yards, and then proceed to put up six bulls in quick succession. He sent up an extra shot for luck, which was also a bull and so concluded himself with the satisfaction of scoring a possible which could not count.

The Treasurer, Mr. J. Hargreaves, added a further spoon to his collec-

Cricket Teams For Week-End

The intra-club cricket match arranged by Kowloon to-morrow has been cancelled and in its place the junior team will meet Royal Air Force on the Kowloon ground at 2 p.m. The following will represent Kowloon:

W. Mulcahy (captain), R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, R. A. J. Simpson, G. A. Goodban, C. Walker, F. J. Lay, C. F. Green, J. Mills, E. Curtis, G. A. V. Hall.

CLUB DE RECREIO

The following will represent

Recreio: Club (away)—A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), E. L. Gonsalves, W. A. Reed, H. L. Gonsalves, E. M. L. Soares, A. P. Pereira, J. M. Gonsalves, N. Beltrao, G. N. Gonsalves, A. N. Other.

CRAIGENGOWER C. C.

The following will represent Craigengower at cricket against Civil Service to-morrow:

First (away)—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), J. Bilton, A. R. H. Esmail, A. B. Hanson, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Esmail, E. A. Lee, H. P. Lin, W. Hong Sing, J. L. Young, S. F. R. Zimmermann, Scorer, H. V. Randall, Umpire. Second (home)—B. R. France (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. Hunt, G. W. Lam, G. A. Lee, W. Leonard, F. Lock, A. M. Omar, G. Winch, Scorer, W. Broadbridge.

By winning an open sights handicap, a good effort considering the little opportunity he has had to shoot.


Nett spoons were won by W. Trenouth (Dockyard) in the aperture class, and Lt. F. Ribeiro (Volunteers) in the open sights class. Handicap spoons were won by Mr. F. G. Drake (Dockyard) in the aperture sights class, and by L. A. C. Storey (R.A.F.), Harcourt and Sgt. W. A. Rix (R.A.F.), in the open sights.

The N.R.A. Overseas Postal Match will be fired on Wednesday in conjunction with the usual spoon and practice shoots. Firing will commence at 1.15 p.m.

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They Want Ascendancy In German Army NAZI MEN SEEK TO OUST OLD LEADERS

AMSTERDAM.
Reports from Berlin that
Nazi district leaders are to be
given the rank and uniform of
Major-General in the German
Army confirm much information
received here concerning the
struggle of the Nazi party to
increase its strength within the
Army.

Hitler knows, it is said, that many
of his Generals are not 100 per cent.
Nazis and also that there are many
officers who would gladly see him
deposed.

Dr. Goebbels, Propaganda Minister,
and Herr Julius Streicher, the
notorious Jew-baiter, will, it is re-
ported, be among those entitled to
wear the uniform of Major-General.
How the new Major-Generals, who
are on the whole the Fascist elements
of the Nazi party, will be regarded
by their professional colleagues of
the old Prussian military school, may
best be left to the imagination.

Move To The Left

Behind the scenes in Germany the
radical elements in the Nazi party
are, under cover of the new friend-
ship with Russia, doing their best to
occupy as many strategic positions as
possible.

A leading part in the radical
movement is taken by Dr. Ley, who
is at the head of the German Labour
Front, which has 30,000,000 mem-
bers. He and his friends are talking
of collectivist schemes for industry
and agriculture under the pretext of
wartime necessity.

The General Staff of the Nazi
Labour Front is faced with the
difficulty that in factories and work-
shops the Communists, after six
years of silence, are again beginning
to raise their voices, and for inter-
national reasons it is impossible to
take action against them.

Meanwhile the Polish invasion has
brought Germany fresh economical
difficulties. According to Dr. Dorp-
müller, Reich Minister of Transport,
it will be spring before railway
traffic can be restored between
Rumania and Germany.

These railway lines pass through
Polish territory, now in Russian
hands. The traffic is very important
for the Reich, as large quantities of
grain and other agricultural products
are normally brought to Germany
along these routes.

The Minister states that the Rus-
sians will not change the gauge of
these lines connecting Rumania to
Germany. Other lines in Polish ter-
ritory taken over by the Russians
will be changed to the wide Russian
gauge.

Many thousands of German rail-
waymen have been sent to Poland.
It is stated that 600 railway bridges
were destroyed during the Polish
campaign.

More Attacks On Turkey

German newspapers continue to
attack Turkey. Thus the "Köln-
ische Zeitung," under the title
"Turkey's Dangerous Policy," makes
an attack on the speech made by
President İnönü before the Turkish
National Assembly recently.

The newspaper writes: "It would
not be surprising if the Soviet Union
were to feel very doubtful about the
assurances of friendship made by
President İnönü. Such assurances
do not fit in with the aggressive
policy of Turkey, even though this
aggressiveness is so far only of a
diplomatic character, against Russia,
Germany, and Italy."

Marshal Goering's "National Zei-
tung" discovers that "Turkey's at-
titude prevents the formation of a
neutral bloc of nations in South-
eastern Europe."

NETHERLANDS LIFT BAN

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—
The Netherlands military authorities
have lifted the ban on the use of tele-
phones in the areas proclaimed some-
time ago to be in "a state of siege."

Only Dutch, English, French and
German languages, however, may be
used in conversations over the tele-
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good spirits, as evidenced by the
characteristic comments in chalk.

S.O.S. Brings A Million Pots of Home-made Jam

THE women of the villages of England are now busy
filling more than 1,000,000 one and two lb. pots of jam
in a lightning anti-waste campaign to preserve the coun-
try's surplus fruit crop.

LATE NEWS

It is the result of one of the
outstanding supply and trans-
port achievements of the War,
carried out by an emergency
Board of the National Federa-
tion of Women's Institutes.

The women have successfully or-
ganised the distribution of preserving
sugar in bulk to villages, hamlets,
even isolated cottages in England
and Wales.

Village shopkeepers could not get
delivery of enough sugar for their
customers, so the women, with the
permission of the Sugar Commission,
asked each of their Institutes to take
at least one cwt. of preserving sugar.

Within a few days of the S.O.S.,
more than 345 tons of sugar had
been distributed, and the country-
women of England were on trek
with cars, barrows, farm carts and
even prams to collect the quantity
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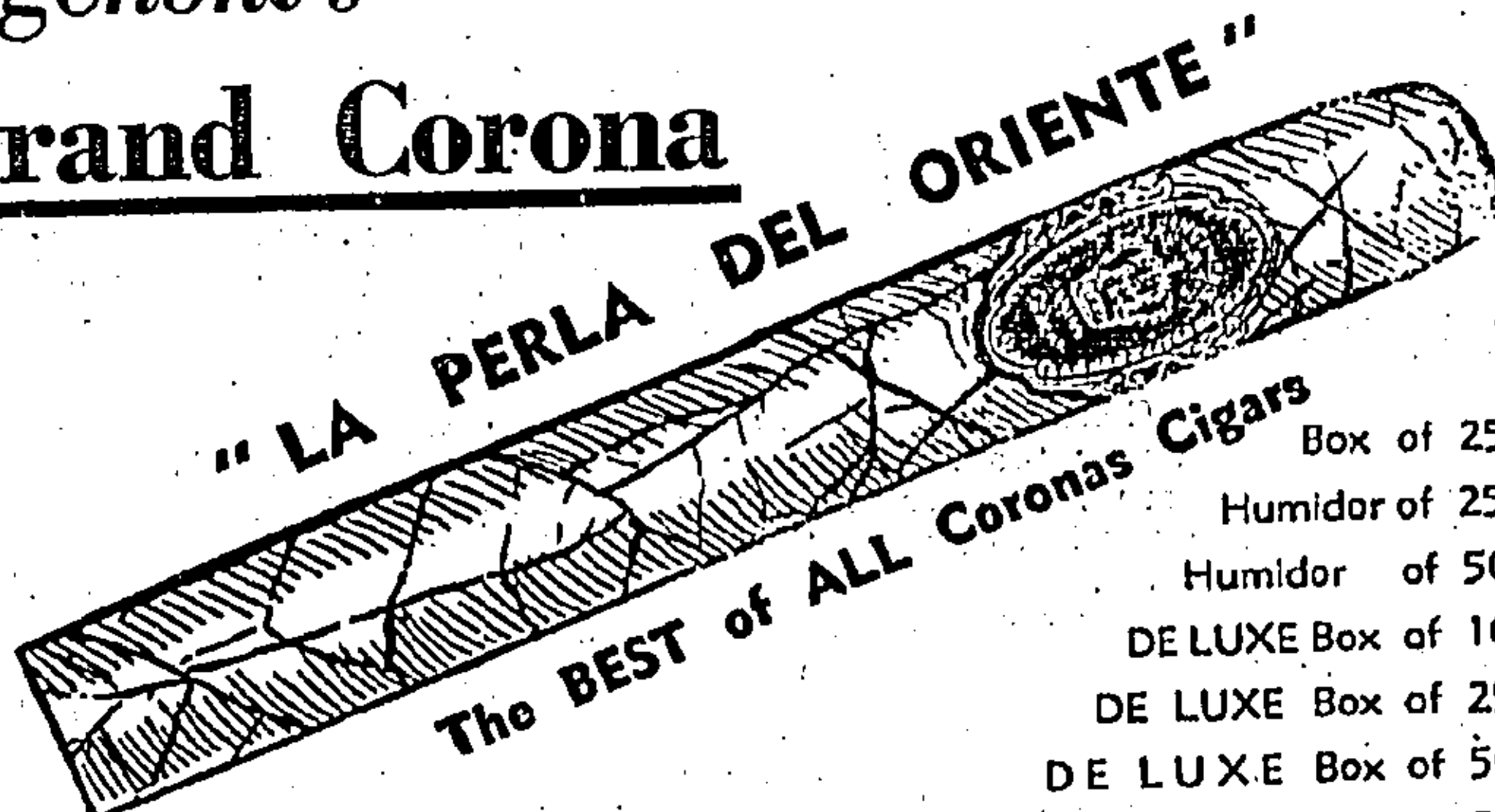
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Finland May Be World Battleground

Nazi Attack on Firth of Forth Repulsed RAIDERS INTERCEPTED: ONE MACHINE HIT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GERMANY TOOK QUICK ADVANTAGE OF THE RETURN TO FINE WEATHER TO-DAY, AND LAUNCHED A FURTHER ATTACK ON THE FIRTH OF FORTH. ONE OF EIGHT ENEMY RAIDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE RAID WAS HIT, AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE REPORTS.

So speedy was the R.A.F. on the job after the sounding of the alarm that the All Clear was sounded within half-an-hour. The Germans did not even succeed in reaching their objectives, says a "United Press" message.

The official report, issued late last night, is as follows:

"Royal Air Force fighters to-day intercepted and drove off a German raiding squadron off the coast in the Firth of Forth area.

"The enemy squadron consisted of eight machines.

"One enemy plane was hit."

A supplementary communique said:

"Shortly before the Firth of Forth engagement, in which eight enemy aircraft were driven off, two enemy aircraft were encountered by R.A.F. fighters.

"The enemy immediately turned back, but were pursued to sea.

"One was seen to be hit."

Pilot's Story

A thrilling story of the encounter at sea was told by the pilot of one of the British machines.

"We were patrolling north of Heligoland when we sighted a Dornier plane.

"We attacked it but it managed to elude us in the clouds. A few minutes later, however, we sighted it again, and attacked a second time.

"A burst of our fire got home before the crippled German managed to again find refuge in the clouds."

A pilot of a second machine said:
"I pursued a Dornier for half-an-hour, during which time I made six attacks.

Swaying Through Clouds

"In one of the attacks we succeeded in putting the German's rear gun out of commission and punctured its fuel tanks.

"It escaped, swaying through the clouds. I doubt whether it would be able to reach its base."

BRITAIN'S SECRET?

"Daily Sketch" Talks Of New Weapon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 7 (UP).—Has Britain a new and secret weapon?

The assertion that we are fighting the Nazi Air Force with such a weapon was carried in a front-page story in the London "Daily Sketch" to-day.

The newspaper claims that the weapon is one of the striking reasons for recent R.A.F. successes against Nazi warplanes.

It permits the interception of Nazi raiders without their being able to reach their objectives, according to the report. (The Nazis made another abortive attempt to reach the Firth of Forth yesterday).

The newspaper specifically claims that the weapon is believed to be responsible for the destruction of German planes off the coast of Norfolk yesterday.

"No official announcement can be expected for some time," the paper states.

There is very good reason, however, for the claim being made.

Last night a hint was deliberately dropped by high official quarters that the Nazi raiders met their doom through a "weapon" about which Britain has never boasted," the report adds.

Reports from Copenhagen throw further light on aerial activity over the North Sea.

Fishermen at Bergen saw three foreign planes swooping low and battling three unidentified warships just outside Norwegian territorial waters.

They heard cannonading between 9 and 11 a.m.

A Norwegian reconnaissance plane took off to investigate the battle, but so far no details are available.

A "Reuters" message states that German reconnaissance planes flew over Western France yesterday.

Air raid warnings were sounded over a wide area.

R.A.F. Raid On Germany

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuters).—In connection with R.A.F. raids on German naval bases, the German Press has alleged that the British planes were repulsed by A.A. fire and had made their escape over Danish territory.

On the other hand, the Air Ministry announced that the flight was successful and it is denied, both in London and Copenhagen, that British planes had violated Danish territory.

According to the German Press, a German and a British machine collided off the Dutch coast and fell into the sea.

Nothing about this is known in London, but a Coastal Command machine, report having inflicted damage on two Dornier flying boats over the North Sea.

Neither of the German planes was brought down, but they were damaged and swayed in their flight, in the words of the British pilot.

He said it was doubtful whether even one of the flying boats would be able to get back to its base.



Finland's Appeal To World Can't Hold Off Reds Forever

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7

(Reuters).—A desperate appeal to the world for help was issued by a Foreign Office spokesman in an interview with "Reuters."

He said that every Finnish citizen was asking what the world was going to do about Finland.

Sympathy comes from all quarters, but they must have more than sympathy. A small land of 3,000,000 cannot be expected forever to hold Russia with 180,000,000.

Lip-Service Insufficient

If someone does not come to Finland's aid, she is finished and will suffer the same fate as Poland, or even worse.

What Sweden, Norway and Denmark are doing is lip-service. It is insufficient," the spokesman said.

Arms and men must be given and given soon.

The defeat of Finland will mean far more for Britain, France and the world than the defeat of Poland.

Warning To Germany

Germany should stop to think. Russia may now be an ally but what chance will Germany have even if she should succeed against Britain and France?

Labour Indignation

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuters).—"Profound horror and indignation" at the Soviet attack on Finland is expressed in a statement of the National Council of Labour, which pays tribute to the courage and resolution of the Finnish nation in resisting the aggressor.

Russia Indicted

The statement calls on free nations to give every practical aid to Finland in the struggle to preserve their own institutions of civilization and democracy.

The statement further declares that the Soviets have violated treaty obligations towards Finland and have sought to secure, by armed force, strategic bases on Finnish territory which would menace the freedom and security of other States round the Baltic Sea.

The Soviets are now apparently seeking forcibly to incorporate Finland within Soviet Russia.

Sovietism Rejected

"Soviet Imperialism has thus revealed itself as using the same old methods as the old empires."

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Rifle Shot Brings Down Red Plane

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuters).—To-day honours the Finnish rifleman who brought down a Soviet plane with one shot.

The rifleman drew a careful bead on the aircraft's petrol tank, and fired one shot which pierced the tank.

Down came the plane just outside Helsingfors.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 8

(UP).—The material resources of a League of Nations are being despatched to the aid of plucky little Finland.

Britain is the latest country to join in the fight against the Red menace.

Through Britain, the British Empire is also rallying to the cause of the tiny Republic.

Italy, Germany, Yugo-Slavia, Hungary and Sweden are openly providing arms and ammunition.

Chile and France are expected to join the anti-Red bloc, who will fight the Russians without any declaration of war.

Thus, the amazing position has arisen that France and England are fighting Germany on the western front, while in the east they appear to be fast becoming allies in the common cause of resisting the Bolshevik penetration westwards.

As a result of this latest development, Finland's resistance is now expected to last many months, even if there is no active belligerency between Russia and any of the Powers now assisting the Republic.

Until this aid was forthcoming, it was not believed possible that the Finns, with their comparatively minute army could last for more than two or three weeks.

Open Italian Aid

Finland's resistance will undoubtedly be strengthened materially if, as is now generally anticipated, Italy will adopt the attitude she adopted in the Spanish Civil War.

Finland, in fact, may become a second Spain, with interested nations fighting Bolshevism on her soil.

Italy, it is believed in many quarters, will give Finland extensive support with men as well as materials.

Italian planes are reported to be already in Finland. Diplomatic quarters believe that there is far more genuine enthusiasm and desire to help the Finns among the Italian people to-day than was observed during the Spanish Civil War, when Il Duce sent his airmen and troops to fight the Socialists.

Sweden's Aid

Short of actual military forces, Sweden is already supplying every possible form of assistance to Finland.

In addition to supplying materials across the frontier along the Bothnia coast railway, Sweden has mined the entrance to the Gulf, thus effectively preventing Russian warships from severing this vital route, along which materials from other nations must also pass.

Germany, in addition to supplying Finland with munitions, has permitted the passage of Italian war materials through German territory by German railways. It is not certain, however, how long this form of aid will continue.

British Planes

British firms have arranged to send Finland twenty—some sources say thirty—airplanes. Some of these are believed to be already en route.

Many British-built warplanes are already in service in the Finnish Air Force. They include Blenheim and Bristol—high-speed bombers which the Royal Air Force is using at present against Germany. Other machines supplied to the Finnish Air Force include Hawker and Fiat reconnaissance machines, Hawker Fury fighter planes and Bristol Bulldog fighters.

The Helsingfors correspondent of the Stockholm "Aften Bladet" confirms the arrival of approximately sixty Italian warplanes in Finland.

The correspondent reports that it is believed in Helsingfors that Britain has promised to send about 100 planes of the famous Spitfire type.

The Finns are reputed to be excellently trained airmen, and the total personnel of their air force is stated to be about 5,000 men.

The correspondent claims that the Finnish reserve of air force officers has not yet even been called up.

American Loan?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (UP).—America is to immediately despatch

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Where Russians May Try To Effect New Landing



The latest Russian threat to Finland is in the Gulf of Finland, where new landings may be attempted.

Finns Hold Red Attacks on Land

NAVAL INVASION THOUGHT NEAR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 8 (UP).—Held up on the Petsamo front by Arctic conditions, and in the central and southern sectors by the Mannerheim Line, the Reds are now believed to be preparing for a new thrust from the sea in the Gulf of Finland, Finnish naval circles believe.

Bad weather is hampering all operations elsewhere in Finland.

The Red Army has not been able to crack the Mannerheim Line, despite Moscow Radio claims to the contrary.

At many points the Reds are still five to ten kilometres from the line, which has at no point been dented.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the Mannerheim Line consists of many fortified positions, extending deeply into Finnish territory. It would therefore be impossible to penetrate the line at any given point with a single thrust.

The Finns claim to be in occupation of all towns five kilometres in front of the advance posts of the line, and are also contesting strongly for control of the Arctic coast.

Poison Gas Charge

The Finnish Legation in London issued a statement denying that the Finns are attempting to bomb Leningrad from the air.

The Finns, however, officially charge that the Red Army is using poison gas shells on the eastern front.

Despite the use of gas, Finnish troops are holding their positions. Eleven Finnish soldiers have been poisoned north of Lake Ladoga.

A report from Bergen states that despatches from the frontier indicate that there is very little fighting in the Petsamo area, where the opponents are busily consolidating their positions in bitterly cold weather.

Copenhagen reports from Haparanda, on the Swedish-Finnish frontier, claim that 5,000 Red troops have been evacuated in a surprise attack by the Finns in the eastern section of Uleaborg Province.

"Although this report cannot be officially confirmed, the source is one close to the Finnish General Staff, and we have been assured that the major Red offensive in this sector has resulted in unfavourable consequences for the Soviet forces."

Air Activity Stopped

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7 (Reuters).—Heavy mist have again prevented air activity on either side in Finland. The recent flights of Soviet planes in Finnish territory are believed to have stopped.

SOVIET AIRMEN MUTINY

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuters).—Reports reaching Helsingfors from Helsinki, the Estonian Baltic port, state that Soviet army officials and the OGPU have executed 21 Soviet pilots on charges of sabotage.

The "aviators" refused to obey aerial orders on Finnish towns.

GUERRILLA WARFARE

"Redskin" Fighting In North Finland

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuters).—According to a Norwegian correspondent in Finland, the fighting in the northern part of the country is like "old-fashioned Redskin fighting."

The Finns are ambushing the Russians in thick woods and taking a great toll with long knives in the hand-to-hand fighting.

Daylight in this area is only some five hours long, which imposes severe restrictions on the use of heavy artillery and planes by the Russians.

Snow Handicaps Tanks
Heavy falls of snow are also robbing the Russians of advantages in field tanks.

The Russians claim to have advanced 30 miles south of Petsamo, but in

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LATEST

DUTCH PROTEST TO GERMANY

THE HAGUE, Dec. 7 (Reuters).—The Netherlands Government has forwarded a demarche to the German Government concerning the torpedoing of the Dutch liner Sliedrecht.

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Further Late News

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Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 18th November). Dec. 8.

Canton	Dec. 8
Japan and Shanghai	Dec. 8
Shanghai	Dec. 8
Straits and Sulu	Dec. 8
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 29th November	Dec. 9
Shanghai	Dec. 9
Formosa and Swatow	Dec. 9
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 2nd Dec.	Dec. 10
Calcutta and Straits	Dec. 10
Haiphong	Dec. 10
Haiphong, Hanoi and Fort Bayard	Dec. 10
Sandakan	Dec. 10
Shanghai and Amoy	Dec. 10
Japan and Shanghai	Dec. 11
Manila	Dec. 11
Shanghai and Amoy	Dec. 11
Straits	Dec. 11
Tientsin	Dec. 11
Java and Manila	Dec. 12
Shanghai	Dec. 12

OUTWARD MAILS
Friday, Dec. 8
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Saturday, Dec. 9
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Saigon 10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Haiphong 1.30 p.m.
Tientsin and Saigon 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 17th December.

G. F. O. and K. F. O.
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Ord. Dec. 9, 5.30 p.m.

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Amoy 9 a.m.
Haiphong 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 11
Bangkok 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin 1.30 p.m.
Canton 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
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G.F.O.
Reg. Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 18th December.

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Ord. Dec. 12, 5.30 p.m.

G.F.O.
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Ord. Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13
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Haiphong 1.30 p.m.
Amoy 1.30 p.m.
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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land Tai Hang Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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1	2	3	4	5
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Churchill's Good Press

Commons Statement Warmly Welcomed

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, received a good Press in connection with his statement in the House of Commons on the progress of the war at sea.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that he did not attempt to gloss over the realities. He said quite frankly that losses must be expected, and even occasional disasters.

Confidence Well Founded
Mr. Churchill showed that he was confident of the ultimate issues of the war and that there were good grounds for his confidence.

The British people could be trusted with the truth.
The "Manchester Guardian," commenting on Lord Halifax's statement on Tuesday, says that he had recalled certain essential facts which were sometimes obscured by slovenly thought.

The main one was that war would end when the German Government accepted the Allies' fundamental grounds for peace, and that it was a Government whose word could be accepted.

There was no such evidence at present.

An Ultimate Hope

Lord Halifax hopes, continues the paper, that the present co-operation with France might later bring about wider economic relations in Europe. This is a conviction which is gaining ground in Britain.

The "News Chronicle" announces that a survey shows that two out of every three people in Britain now have access to some form of air-raid shelter.

ANOTHER NAZI LIE (ABOUT HONGKONG) IS EXPOSED



HOW NAZI PROPAGANDA WORKS.—This photograph, appearing in the JB Illustrierter Beobachter, purports to show a Chinese coolie smoking an opium pipe in Wyndham Street, Hongkong. A literal translation of the caption—

**So werden
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Ein Beispiel für die Mißwirtschaft in Englands Kolonien: Chinesischer Kuli raucht auf offener Straße in Hongkong Opium.

is as follows: "THIS IS THE WAY IN WHICH NATIONS ARE BEING POISONED.—An example of the mess in England's colonies: Chinese coolie smoking opium openly in a Hongkong street."

THE PIPE, OF COURSE, IS AN ORDINARY CHINESE TOBACCO PIPE AND IS USED FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. Thousands of coolies use them openly in the streets, just as Germans use their Meerschaums, if—like the Chinese coolie in Hongkong—they can get tobacco now in Germany.

HITLER WAS DOOMED BY RIBBENTROP

By MADAME TABOUI

ALL FRANCE NOW FEELS THAT HITLER IS AT RAY. THIS FEELING HAS BEEN GROWING EVER SINCE THE FAILURE OF RIBBENTROP'S SECOND VISIT TO MOSCOW.

It is realised that Hitler will be beaten because he has virtually no military reserves to set against those of the Allies.

And even had Ribbentrop been able to obtain for his master a military alliance with Russia, Hitler would still have faced eventual defeat. But he could then at least have attempted—with some chance of temporary success—a large-scale offensive in the West.

Ribbentrop's failure is chiefly responsible for the optimism that is spreading like wildfire throughout France, from the humblest farmhouse, the usually sceptical bourgeois circles, the always anxious financiers, and, amazingly enough, to the Imperial German Government.

Before Ribbentrop's last visit to Moscow, French political observers were almost certain that the Soviet would not give the Reich military support against the democracies. This they gathered from repeated visits which the Russian Ambassador made to the Quai d'Orsay.

But proof of the Soviet's attitude was not obtained till the Russo-German conversation in the Kremlin on the night of September 27. Extraordinary precautions were taken that night to guard the ancient citadel of the Czars.

5-Hour Monologue
Captain Pletoukoff, of the OGPU, was in charge of arrangements. Searchlights swept the sky incessantly.

Ribbentrop, accompanied by Count von Schulenberg, German Ambassador, arrived at 10 o'clock to begin the heavy task with which he had been charged. The "monologue" consisted mainly of a monologue by Ribbentrop lasting nearly five hours, in the course of which he coldly and severely criticised the Soviet Government for several infringements of agreements reached during his first visit.

Ribbentrop pointed out that Stalin had promised the Führer he would use only 25 Red divisions for the occupation of Poland, but the German forces had been faced by 104, as well as by 18 of the best armoured divisions in all Russia.

He pointed out that the Soviet occupied much more territory than had been agreed upon, and without previous notice. Then he handed Stalin and Molotov a voluminous bundle of memoranda and decrees which the Führer wished them to sign.

Ribbentrop's Arguments
The documents included agreements renewing those previously concluded and new agreements for future industrial collaboration between the two countries, also numerous texts, all tending to make the Soviet consider herself more or less automatically bound to the Reich against the democracies in case these refused the peace offer.

Ribbentrop pointed out that one of the war aims of the democracies—the reconstruction of Poland—was just as much a menace to Russia as to the Reich, and therefore the Kremlin was just as interested as the Wilhelmstrasse in crushing the democracies and ending the war as soon as possible.

Proposals Rejected
Stalin and Molotov presented the Russian case the next day. They refused, that, to entertain Hitler's demand for peace negotiations started by the Russian ambassadors in Paris and London.

They rejected all Germany's proposals for a joint German-Russian declaration, including strong threats that a Soviet alliance should the democracies reject the peace offer.

'FRISCO FAIR UNDER COURT 'PROTECTION'

SAN FRANCISCO.—The World's Fair on Treasure Island did a brisk business at the same old stands, but it was operating under a Federal court restraining order preventing anyone from suing to collect \$4,000,014 in unpaid debts.

The Exposition Board of Managers, a fledgling in Federal Court, recently under a special section of the Emergency Bankruptcy Laws—a section dealing particularly with unsecured creditors. It issued a brief statement saying the move was made to insure "an orderly and equitable liquidation of its affairs."

Attorneys explained that the bankruptcy section—Chapter 11—could be invoked only when the debtor was threatened with involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against it.

No estimate of the value of assets was contained in the Federal Court petition, but they were listed as length, as the various buildings and concessions on Treasure Island.

Federal Judge Harold Louderback issued the temporary restraining order permitting the fair to continue operating up to its announced closing date of Oct. 29 under the present management and prohibiting filing any collection suits against it.

Principal debts listed were about \$220,000 to each of six banks; \$877,000 to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company which furnished power for the costly lighting effects, and the Standard Oil Company of California, \$600,000.

THE RUSSIAN ROLLER ROLLS

(Continued from Page 4.)

destroyed. There are 170,000,000 Russians now. Never was their elemental push so powerful.

Russia remains Russia. Whether led by Ivan or Peter, Catherine or Elizabeth, Alexander or Joseph, Russia's power grows and is pointed West. It will work under autocrat in overall as mightily and in the same direction as under subaltern in emir.

Slava says, "The rooster doesn't make the dawn. Stalin doesn't make the spring. Russia does. And a Russian spring appears to be here."

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Wedding Rings To Aid Finns

Spontaneous Gesture At Stockholm Meeting

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A meeting at Stockholm was attended by 6,000 people.

M. Ericks, the former Finnish Foreign Minister, was cheered to the echo.

When an appeal for funds to help Finland was made, even wedding rings were thrown into the collection boxes.

The crowds at the railway station cheered M. Sandler as he left for Oslo to attend the conference of Scandinavian Ministers who are to discuss Russia's invasion of Finland.

New Trans-Atlantic Clipper Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (UP).—Mr. Jann Trippe, President of the Pan-American Airways System, today announced that the Trans-Atlantic trips will be increased to three times weekly within three months, and that they will run daily except on Sundays as soon as six new Clippers have been delivered.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
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T.T. Singapore	32 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
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T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
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T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	100
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	1 1/2 1/2
BUYING	
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4 m/s France	11 1/2
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U.S. Cross rate in Ldn	4.62
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.51 1/4

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—An official communique states that Mr. Winston Churchill has returned to London after a brief visit to North England.

"Captain Foster's" Review

(Continued from Page 6.)

when the time came for a final burst of speed, Lilliber was too exhausted, and that was the end of the mare. At the bottom of the hill Hecite View appeared to be cracking up and Galaxy took up the running about three furlongs from home. He was immediately chased by Rose Emily, Red Feather and Moonlight View.

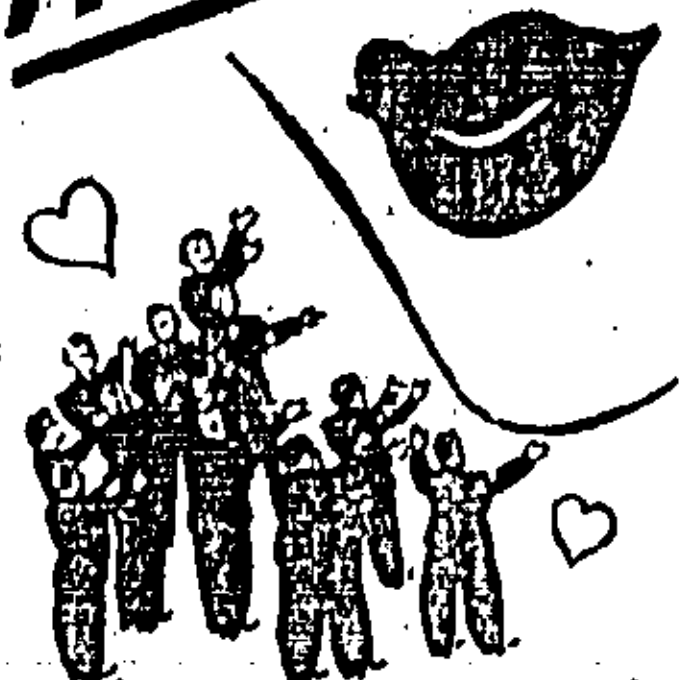
At the distance post Rose Emily had enough of the running, but Galaxy was going strong. A strong challenge was then issued by Red Feather and Moonlight View, but Galaxy answered the jockey's call in a most remarkable manner and the combine went ahead to win by one and a half lengths in three minutes flat for one and a half miles.

FRENCH DEBATE THEIR BUDGET

PARIS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The French Chamber of Deputies today began its debate on the budget, which comprises about £400,000,000. Each speaker is limited to three and a half minutes.

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Ruffled blouses on her dressing table, fat, long-necked bottles to hold her eau de Cologne and toilet water and a matched dresser set in shell-pink plastic bring the Victorian influence into milady's boudoir. Even her soft, lace-trimmed dressing gown is Victorian.

Bedroom Reflects Charm, Of Bygone Days

By JACQUELINE HUNT

LOVELY ladies to-day like to surround themselves with the things that set off beauty and personality as well as with things that are timely. At the moment there are several trends, but what promises to be first and foremost this winter is the Victorian influence—in make-up, in hair-dos, in the new fashions with their cute little bustles and willowy waistlines, even in bedroom styles.

If you love things Victorian, if you go in for a pale, delicately tinted complexion, faintly rosy cheeks, violets at your throat, muffs and bustles on your gowns, you will enjoy recreating the same atmosphere in your boudoir. Your dressing gown should be soft, full and lace trimmed. From the looks of the ornaments on your dressing table, they might have belonged to your grandmother, for manufacturers are turning to their original models to create charming, old Victorian dresser sets, long-necked milky white glass bottles for eau de Cologne and toilet water, lovely jars for powders and beauty creams, pretty pin trays,

'Twas A Scented Age

If you go Victorian for this and perhaps several seasons to come, there are many other things that will appeal to you. For instance, the Victorian was a scented age, and old fragrances are due a second blooming. You will love the sharp, clear fragrance of English violets, French lilac and mimosa, or perhaps you'll want to scent your chiffon handkerchiefs with heliotrope. Sandalwood is another old-new fragrance you'll love to scent your handkerchiefs, glove boxes or burn as incense in little braziers.

Victorians practically bathed in eau de Cologne and toilet waters, so you have an added excuse to follow this practice. Do you remember the big pint-sized, flower-decorated bottles of milky glass that your grandmother used to keep on her dresser? You can have them for your own vanity. Enjoy the luxury of scented soaps, too, just as your grandmother did, and consider yourself lucky that you have even a wider selection from which to choose.

Dresser Sets Revived

Do not let your use of scented stop here. The potpourri—a little porcelain jar filled with dried flowers, herbs and spices—is back to pour its tangy fragrance into closets and bedroom. Even smelling salts are here to give a lift when you feel tense or headachy!

Perhaps the greatest tribute to the Victorian taste is the revival of matched dresser sets consisting of comb, brush and mirror in black or soft deep colours with an engraved "picture" on their backs. Modern versions are of molded plastics and the colours range from delicate pastels to a soft leaf-green or misty plum to match your favourite colour scheme. The back designs may show a foreign scene, Victorian lovebirds, charming cameo designs with forget-me-nots, or flowers to suit your fancy.

Complexions are fairer and more porcelain-like in texture this winter. This means a new high in foundations

and liquid powders. Victorian ladies loved the latter and blended it over face, throat, shoulders, arms and even hands. Paler red lipstick and delicately blended rouge will give your face a flowerlike look, but the results will be accomplished in a different way than that employed by your grandmother. Victorian ladies rubbed their cheeks with a red rose from last season's hat, then pinched and patted for a higher glow.

Try Dumplings For Variety In Meals

By JUDITH WILSON

DO YOU want to prepare your Drop by tablespoonfuls on gently soups and stews in real winter style? boiling stew or gravy. (Then Would you like something extra to serve with meat or fish dish? Do dumplings.) Cover pot tightly and you want something different for boll gently but steadily 12 to 15 dessert? Then let the dependable dumpling come to your rescue as a menu helper.

DINNERS

Irish Stew with Dumplings
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Tomato Juice

Boiled Beef with Horseradish Sauce
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Parsley Potato Balls
Celery
Apple Dumplings with Whipped Cream Coffee

Here are some hints to keep dumpling on the fluffy side. Just mix the batter enough to moisten all the flour; give the dumplings plenty of room so they can double in size; keep the stew or other liquid boiling gently but steadily; keep the kettle covered tightly so that steam will not escape; and don't peek for at least 10 minutes.

Dumplings may be made with or without eggs. The plain dumplings are generally served with meat stews and not roasts. Egg dumplings are more often served with soups, chicken stew and boiled fish.

PLAIN DUMPLINGS

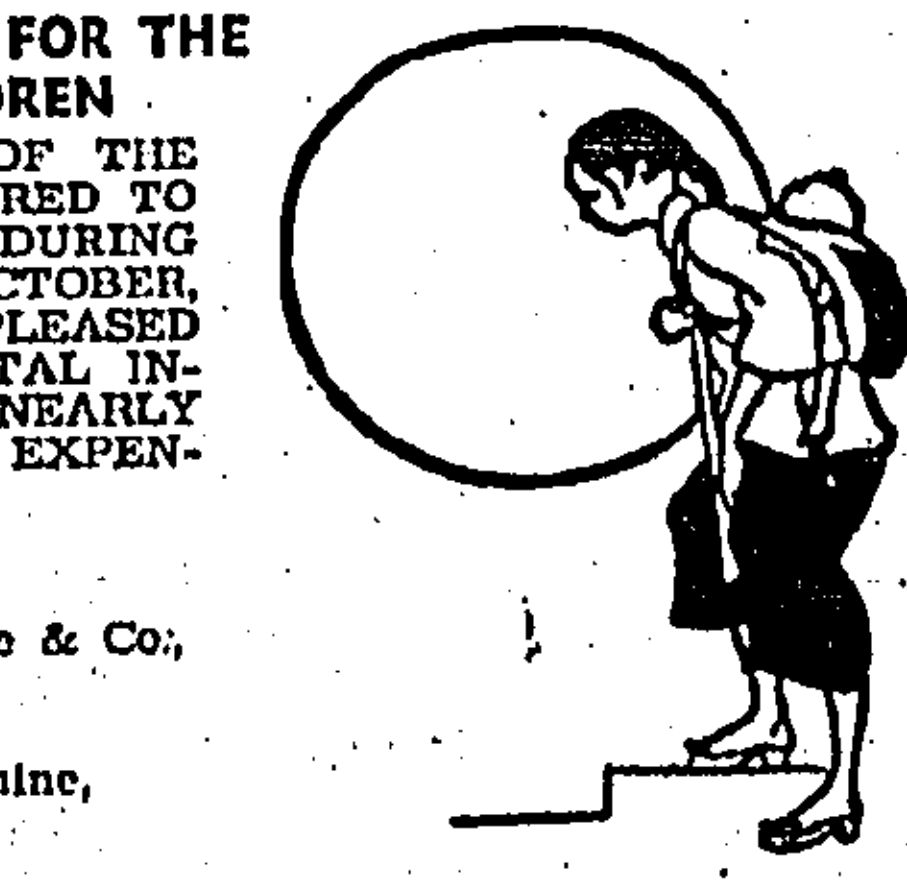
1½ cups flour
2 (teaspoons) phosphate baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
¾ cup milk
Sift flour before measuring it, greens (F.) about 45 minutes or until then sift again with baking powder apples are done. Serve hot or cold, and salt. Add milk all at once and with whipped cream or any favourite mix only enough to moisten the flour, sauce.

EGG DUMPLINGS

1 egg
3 tablespoons milk
½ cup flour
1 (teaspoon) phosphate baking powder
1½ teaspoon salt
Beat egg until light, add milk and mix. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder; add egg and milk to flour mixture and mix only enough to moisten flour. Drop by spoonfuls into hot gravy. Cook fifteen minutes without removing cover.

APPLE DUMPLINGS

2 cups flour
3 (teaspoons) phosphate baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
6 (tablespoons) shortening
¾ cup milk
6 small apples
1 (teaspoon) cinnamon
Sift flour. Measure and sift again with baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening very fine; add milk and mix to a soft dough. Press into a lightly floured board. Knead gently for 30 seconds. Roll to ¼ inch thickness and cut into six 5-inch squares. Place a peeled and cored apple on each square. Fill centre with sugar, cinnamon and raisins. Fold corners over to cover apple, dampening the edges to form a seal. Bake in a well-greased baking dish in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) about 45 minutes or until dumplings are done. Serve hot or cold, and salt. Add milk all at once and with whipped cream or any favourite mix only enough to moisten the flour, sauce.



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Gray For Outdoors

By ELEANOR GUNN

New York.—Whether one is watching a football game or strollers on the avenue, wherever one sees smart crowds out-of-doors, the general tone of the picture is gray. Let's recall and recount a football crowd at Princeton recently.

Gray turned up everywhere in the stands, for sheer woollen dresses of an almost uniform-like simplicity, for two-piece suits, for fitted coats of the spectator type. Always, however, it appeared as a background colour, to set off some other brighter shade, which the wearer evidently considered too vivid for an entire costume and had satisfied herself by buying for her hat, blouse or hand-bag.

Orange Red Seen

These small touches of colour turned the stands into a checker-board of small, vivid squares, the largest number of which were orange red. As far as hats were concerned both moss green and Schiaparelli's heaven blue were well represented in the pictures.

The reappearance of brown—chestnut shades, usually with gray—is always interesting and always chic. Gray with the more copperish tones may also be counted on as a good winter colour scheme. Beaver, as I've already told you, is one of the most fashionable furs of the year and is chic with gray. Gray is not the friendliest of colours unless it has another colour to give it life. You will find gray with beaver flattering as well as smart.

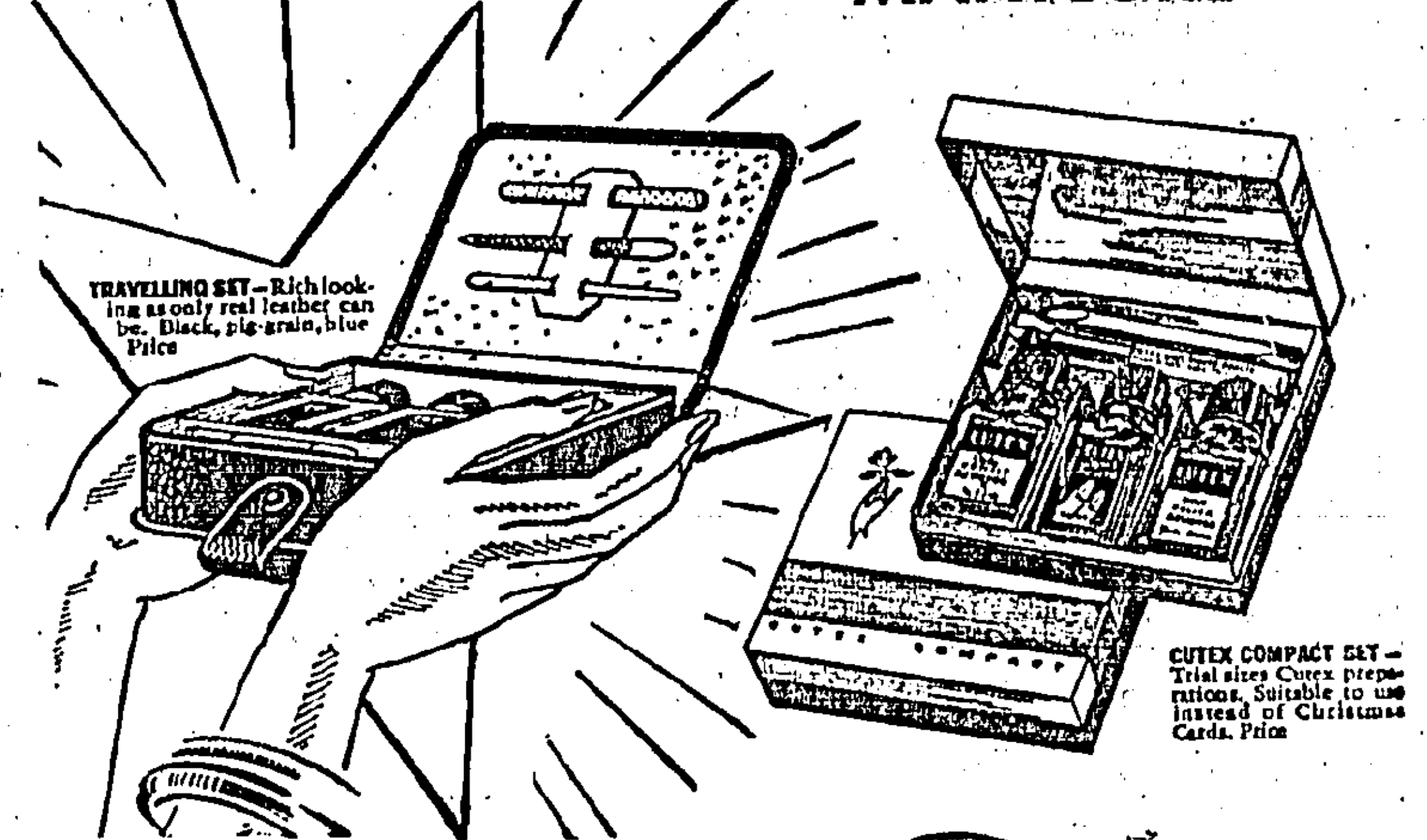
At outdoor events, other notes remind me that no single costume observed carried the gray note into its accessories and that brown suede shoes and brown handbags had complete acceptance with the young spectators.

Snoods for Trimming

Among the nice individual costumes spotted was a gray velvet suit, both jacket and skirt of which were striped with woollen of the same shade. With this was worn a long-sleeved, red woollen jersey blouse, also a high red felt beret of the same shade. A gray woollen dress, horizontally striped in white, was ensembled with navy accessories, the hat with a piece of coarse woollen snooding draped from one side to the other.

Snoods were a unanimous choice as trimming with a sporty sports millinery, and a few of the younger girls were wearing them without hats. One spectator in a gray plaid topper wore a snood of coarse gray woollen fastened to her hair with black bows. Her other accessories, too, were black.

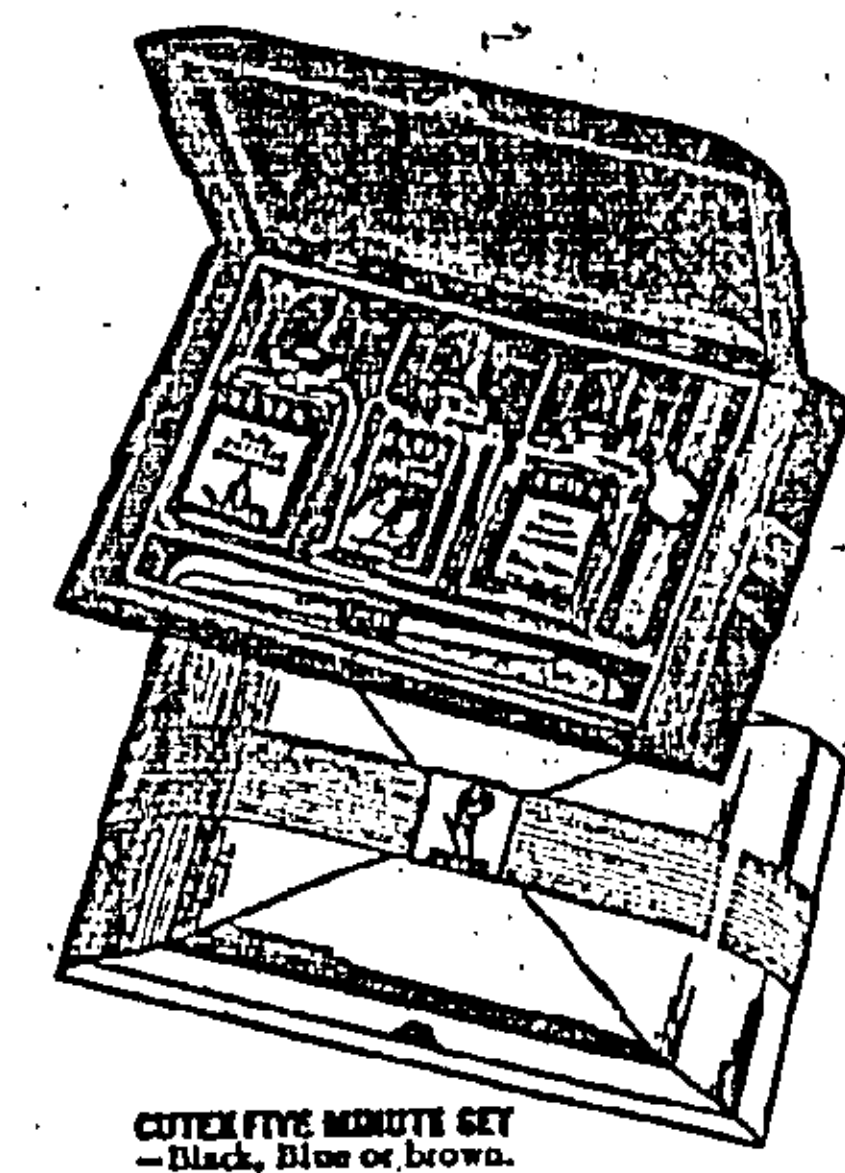
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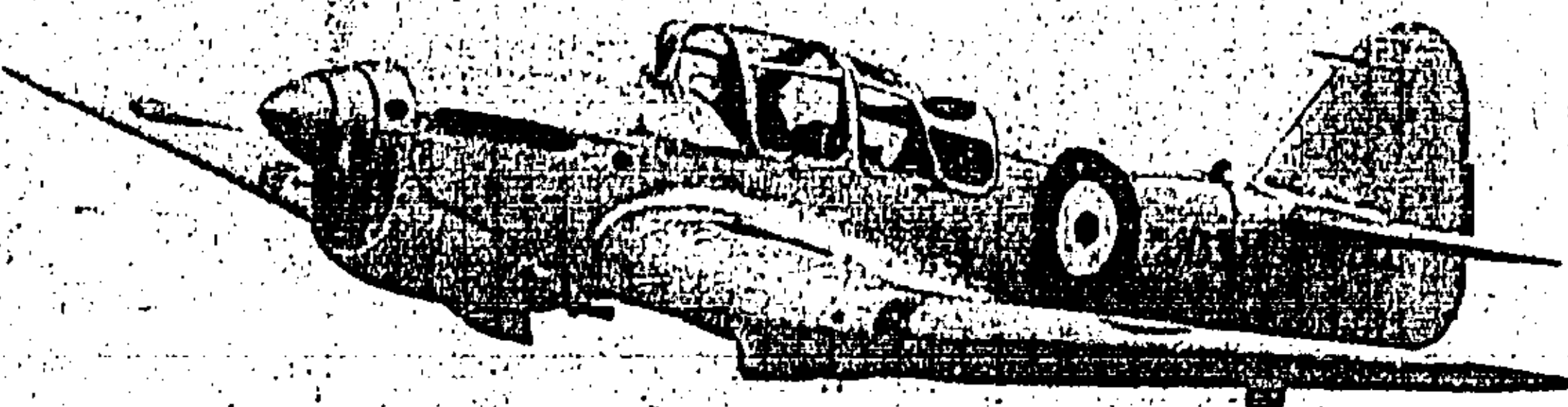
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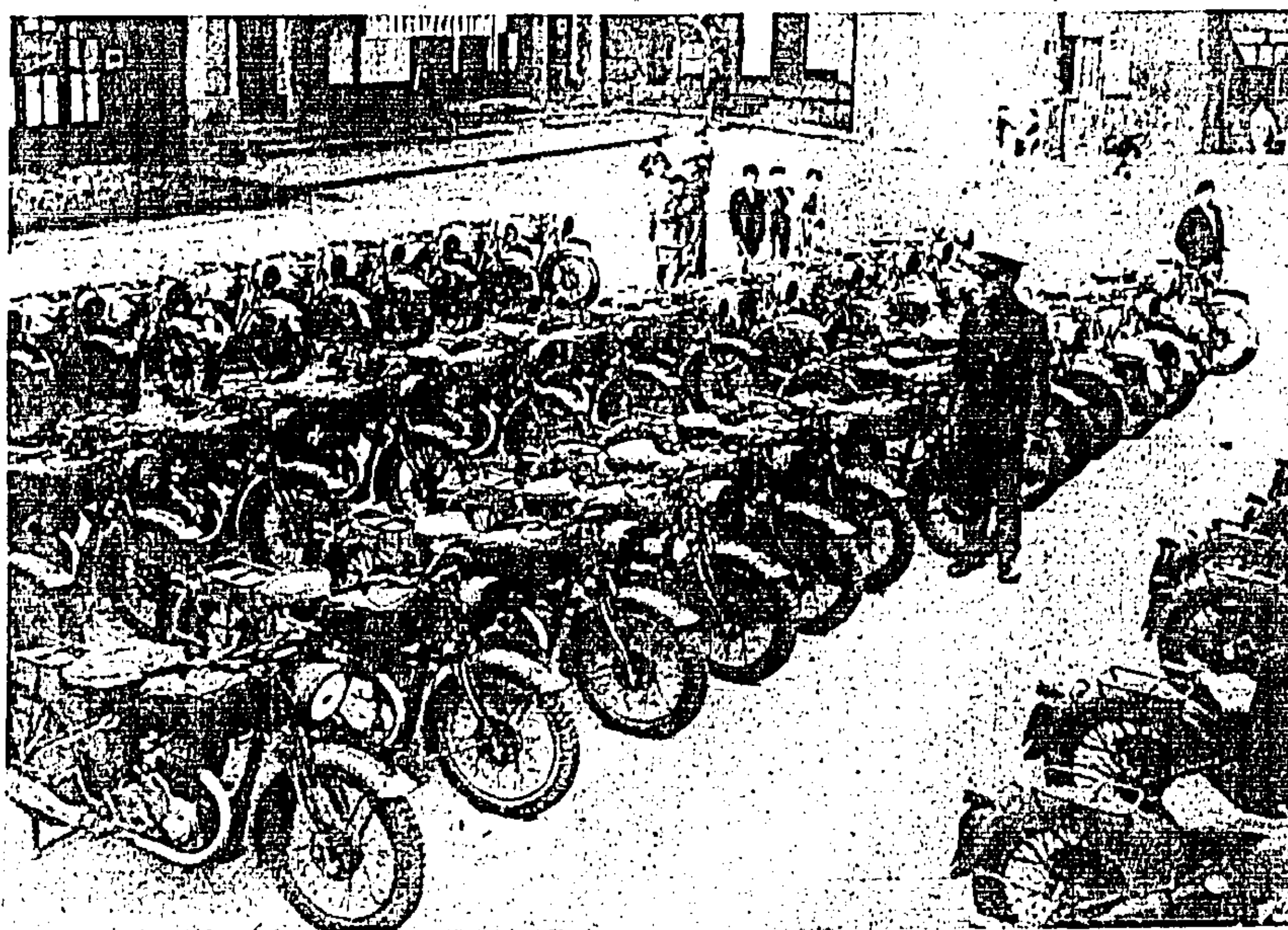
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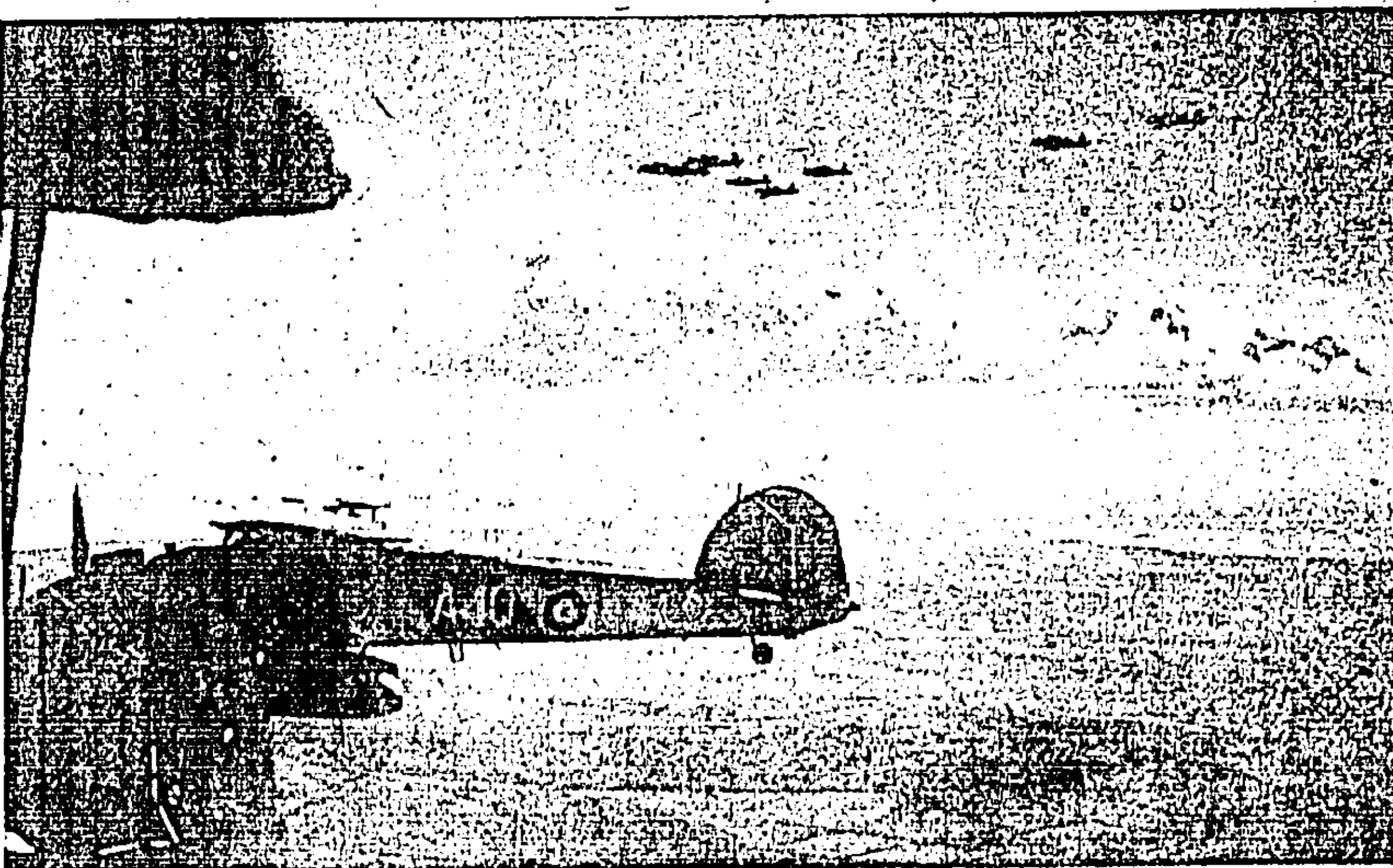
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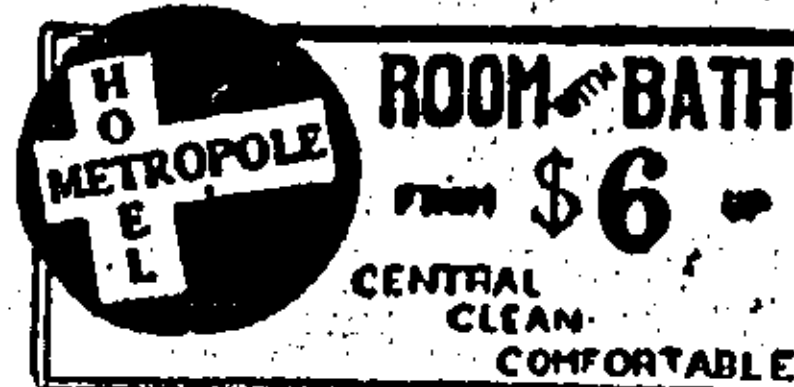
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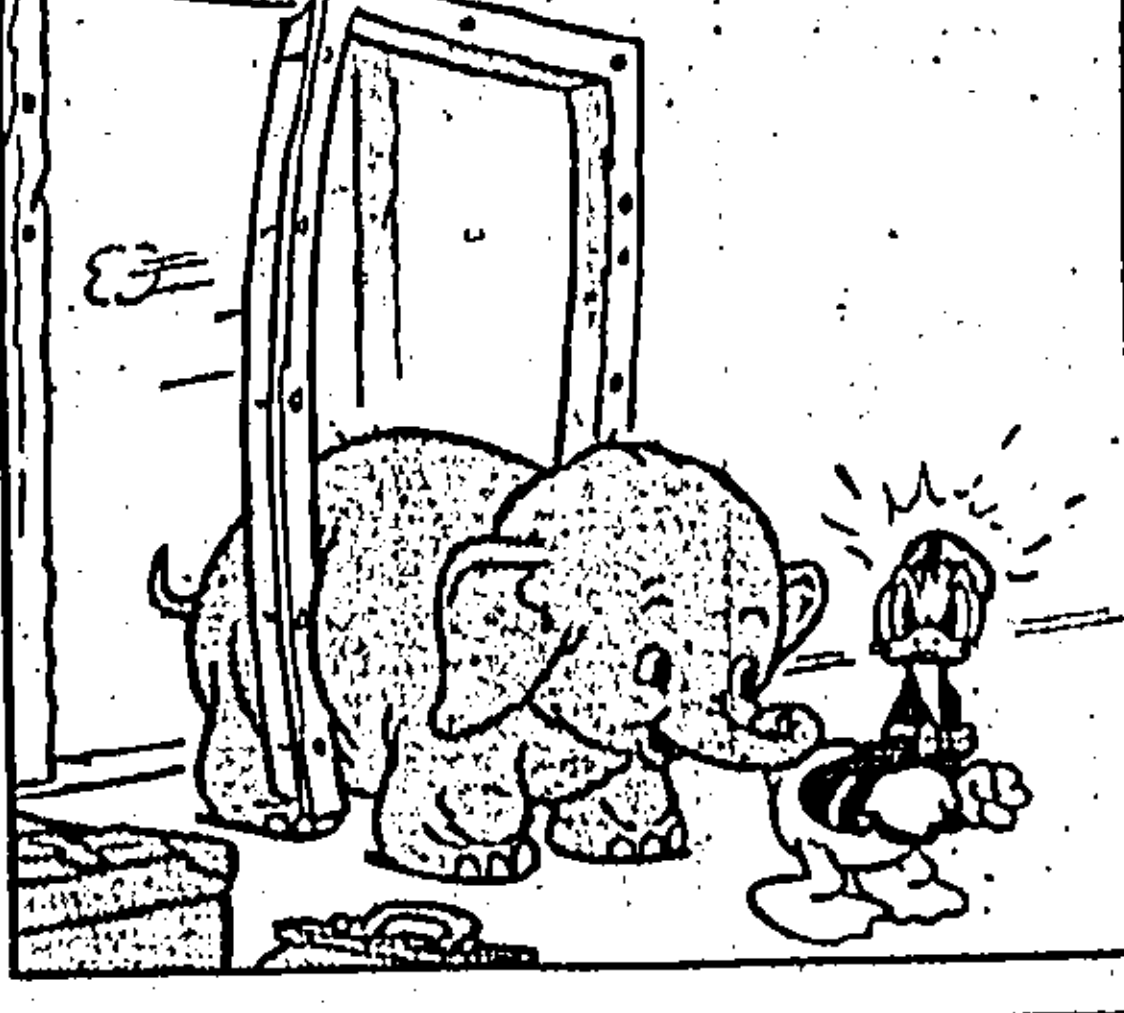
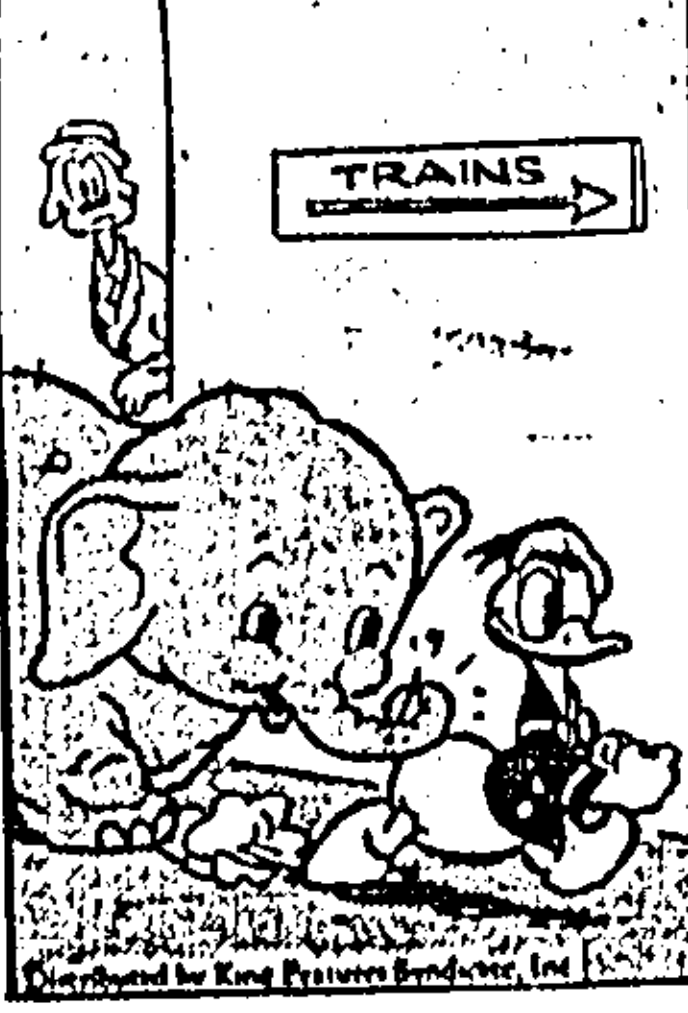
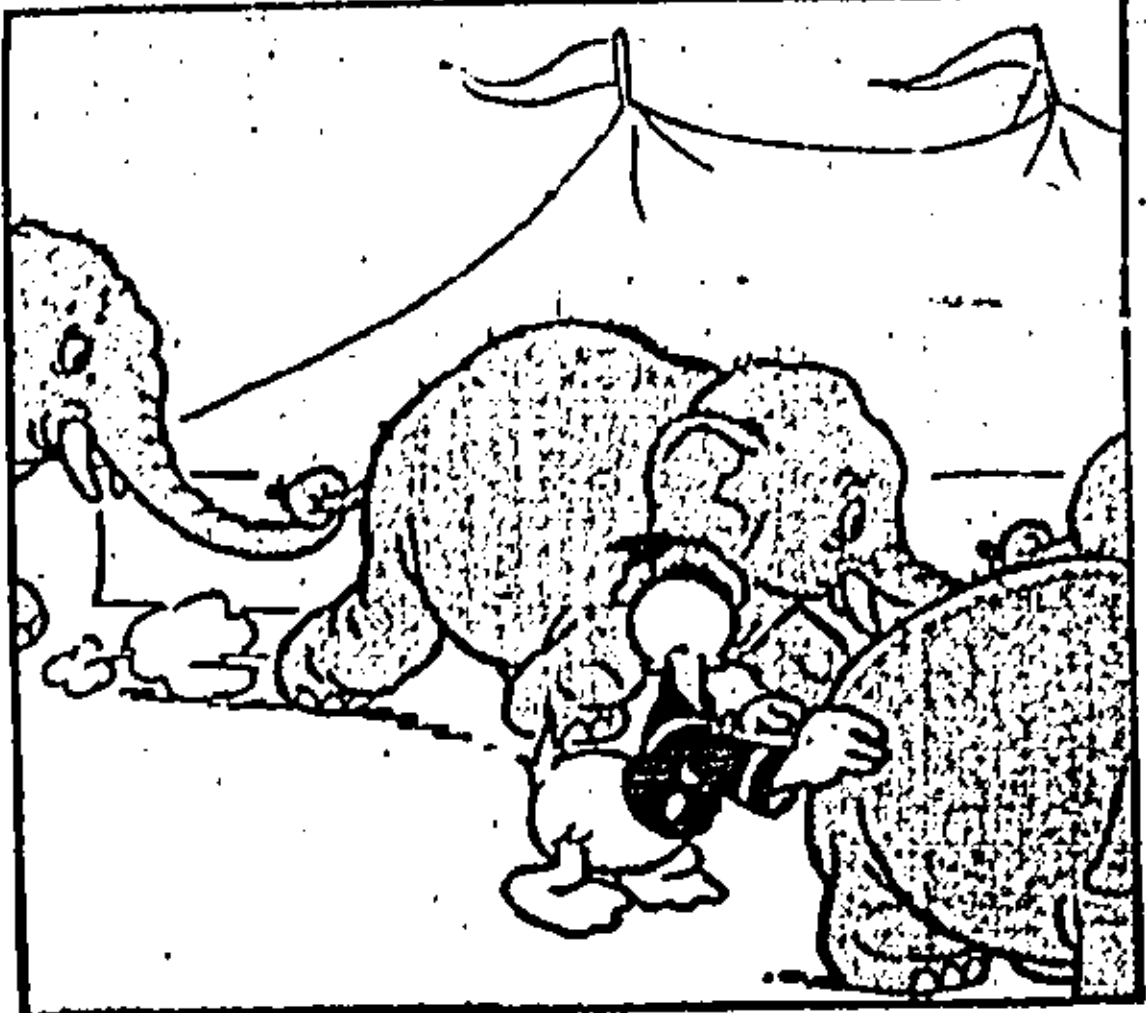
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1—Oiled to
2—Pertaining to
3—Philippine tree
4—Female sheep
5—Biblical name
6—Fugitive memoir
7—Crippled
8—Nervous
9—Jeer at
10—Mine entrance
11—Sewing implements
12—Pineapple (pl.)
13—Pineapple
14—Pertaining to Italian volcano
15—Those who please
16—Turkish circle of 13 years
17—Rough edge
18—Male name
19—Medieval fortification
20—Fruit very much
21—Evocation
22—Chinese disease
23—Disease-carrying fly
24—Old name
25—Nobleman
26—Closed car
27—Living beings
28—Oval-antennae
29—Yarn of widele
30—Machine for ironing
31—Throaty mid-Euro-pean type
32—Thick string
33—Get up
34—Opening in skin
35—Workshop image
36—Tool used by devers

DOWN
1—Small mountain lake
2—Decorative molding
3—Tard
4—Used for removing mud from
5—Double of water
6—Suitable for pro-tection
7—Sicknesses
8—Small digit
9—Dilemma
10—Small ditch
11—Purse away
12—Walk through as liquid
13—Ornament potentate
14—Adjusts
15—Bitten end of earth
16—Irreligious person
17—Device for removing marks
18—Countenance
19—Pouch for holding
20—Looked into
21—Noted time
22—Lower-tract
23—Blinding light
24—Tremulous
25—Round Irish fishing-bone
26—Saxon verb
27—Anger
28—Pendant ornaments
29—Arm of sea with
30—Enclosed den for
31—Provides hole with
32—Threat
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During the week ending on Saturday, there were in Hongkong 77 traffic accidents, as the result of which a man was killed and 30 people injured. The man killed, a Chinese aged about 35, was knocked down by a bus while he was crossing the carriageway carelessly.

Of those injured, 10 were pedestrians, who were crossing the carriageway carelessly and were struck by vehicles. Two bicycle riders were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles. A private car driver and a motor cyclist were injured when their vehicles ran off the road. Two lorry passengers and two tram passengers were injured on falling off moving lorries and moving trams respectively. Three tram passengers and three bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving trams and moving buses respectively.

Of 77 accidents 39 were collisions between vehicles; 41 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; seven accidents were due to other causes.

Dance at I.R.C.

The Indian Recreation Club will hold their first dance of the winter at Soekunpo to-morrow at 9 p.m. The Francis Carneiro band has been engaged.

Prizes will be awarded for the most original fancy dress and also for spot dances. Admission is \$2 for men and \$1.50 for ladies.

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FRANCE.

TO-DAY, for the first time in this war, I saw a scene that is enacted in all wars after battle, and never fails to produce a curious conflict of impressions, brave and sad.

It was a review, by the General Commanding a group of armies, of a regiment that had distinguished itself in action and was now going to the rear.

The four squadrons of the regiment were there. On the right of the line was the light artillery—anti-tank guns drawn by horses, and machine-guns loaded on pack animals.

In the centre was the "flamme," a white horse's tail tied to a lance-head, which follows the Commander of the Regiment, and can be seen from far off.

Troops carried a small crepe streamer for the regiment's dead. On the left of the line were the Regimental Colour, and the mounted trumpeters. Faces of the men, under close-fitting steel helmets, were sombre for the most part—marked with grim memories, yet touched with pride.

They Rode Proudly

This was an entirely equestrian cavalry regiment, and it has great traditions.

So the men rode past proudly, in spite of spongy soil, and six weeks' fighting. The officers hardly needed the little lecture which the General added to the congratulations of the High Command.

A trick of the Nazi propagandists has been an attempt to create alarm among Alsatian refugees.

Most of these have been sent to South-West France, and Nazi agents have spread tracts in this area in which the Alsations are told that the homes they have abandoned have been looted by the French troops.

It was partly to scotch these lies that the French Army authorities invited British journalists on the French front to Strasbourg to see for themselves how they are taking care of it.

In Army's Care

Perhaps for the first time in history a town of 200,000 inhabitants has been taken over by the Army, and is now under its care. Essential municipal services, such as street cleaning, sanitation, and the little lighting still allowed, are provided by the Army. Strasbourg is a very clean town.

HAW PAR AMBULANCE

During November the Haw Par Accident Station treated 833 cases, including the Outpatients' Department. These comprised 25 accident cases, 89 sick patients and 718 outpatients. Seven people were dead on arrival.

Of the outpatients, 310 were children under the age of ten years.

CUBAN
DICTATORNow A Candidate For
Presidency

Havana, Dec. 6.

Colonel Batista has retired to private life after six years as Chief of Staff of the Constitutional Army.

In his farewell speech to the armed forces, Colonel Batista announced his candidacy for the Presidency and referred to the Army's "blessed constructive revolution." He appealed to the civil and military forces to uphold the electoral code and to guarantee a fair Presidential election.

"I hope to triumph, but I do not want to be elected if the election is bad for Cuba," he declared.

The soldiers gave him an ovation and carried him on their shoulders to the Officers' Club where a banquet was held, after which he retired to his suburban home at Miramar.

Colonel Jose Pedraza Cabrera was sworn in to succeed Colonel Batista.

Colonel Batista is famous as the power behind Cuba; he has made two Presidents and unmade three since 1933 when he came into the open as the head of the Sergeant's Rebellion. It took an all night session of all the officers of the army to persuade Batista to become a colonel after his successful revolt which he carried through as a sergeant. Colonel Batista established good relations with Mr. Sumner Wells when he was American Ambassador to Cuba and last year he was received by President Roosevelt with whom he is credited to have agreed on close military relations between Cuba and the United States.

The Windsors Back in England



The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, photographed recently at South Hartfield House. The house is shown in smaller picture. The Duke has since gone to France.

MUSLIMS LEAGUE

Day of Thanksgiving For
End of Congress

Bombay, Dec. 7.
Dr. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, has instructed Muslims throughout India to observe December 22 as a day of deliverance and thanksgiving, that the Congress Governments ceased to function.

He urged the League to hold meetings on that day to pass resolutions in the Congress Ministries had failed to safeguard the rights of Muslims and flouted their opinions, and that the Provincial Governments should institute inquiries into the wrongs done to the Muslims by the outgoing Ministries.—*Reuter Special.*

BOUND FOR AMERICA

German-Jewish Emigres
Stowaway on U.S. Ship

Shanghai, Dec. 7.
Two German 10-year-old Jewish emigres who attempted to stow away aboard the President Taft yesterday were discovered on the promenade deck nonchalantly walking about a few minutes after the President Taft had cast off.

A tender picked up the stowaways and turned them over to the French Police.
The youths will be tried to-morrow in the Chinese Court, but as it has no law against stowing away it is probable that the offenders cannot be punished.—*United Press.*

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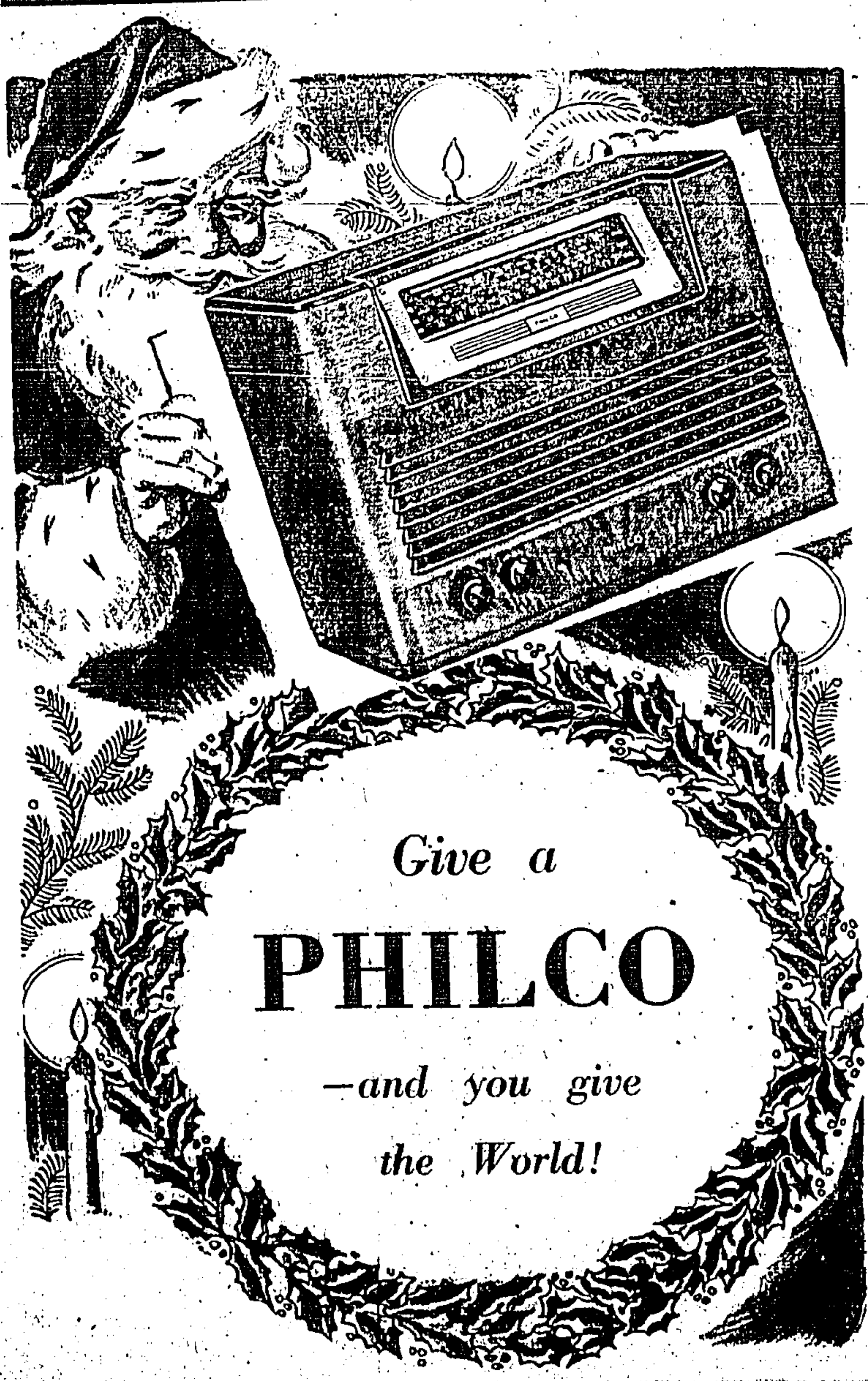
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98th Day of the War Taking Stock

IN his statement on Britain's
position at sea, reported in
the "Telegraph" yesterday, Mr.
Churchill once again cites some
solid and reassuring facts.

During the first 14 weeks of
war, we have lost 340,000 tons
of merchant shipping through
U-boat action and mines. In
the same period we have cap-
tured 280,000 tons from the
enemy, leaving a nett loss of
only 60,000 tons.

At the height of the sub-
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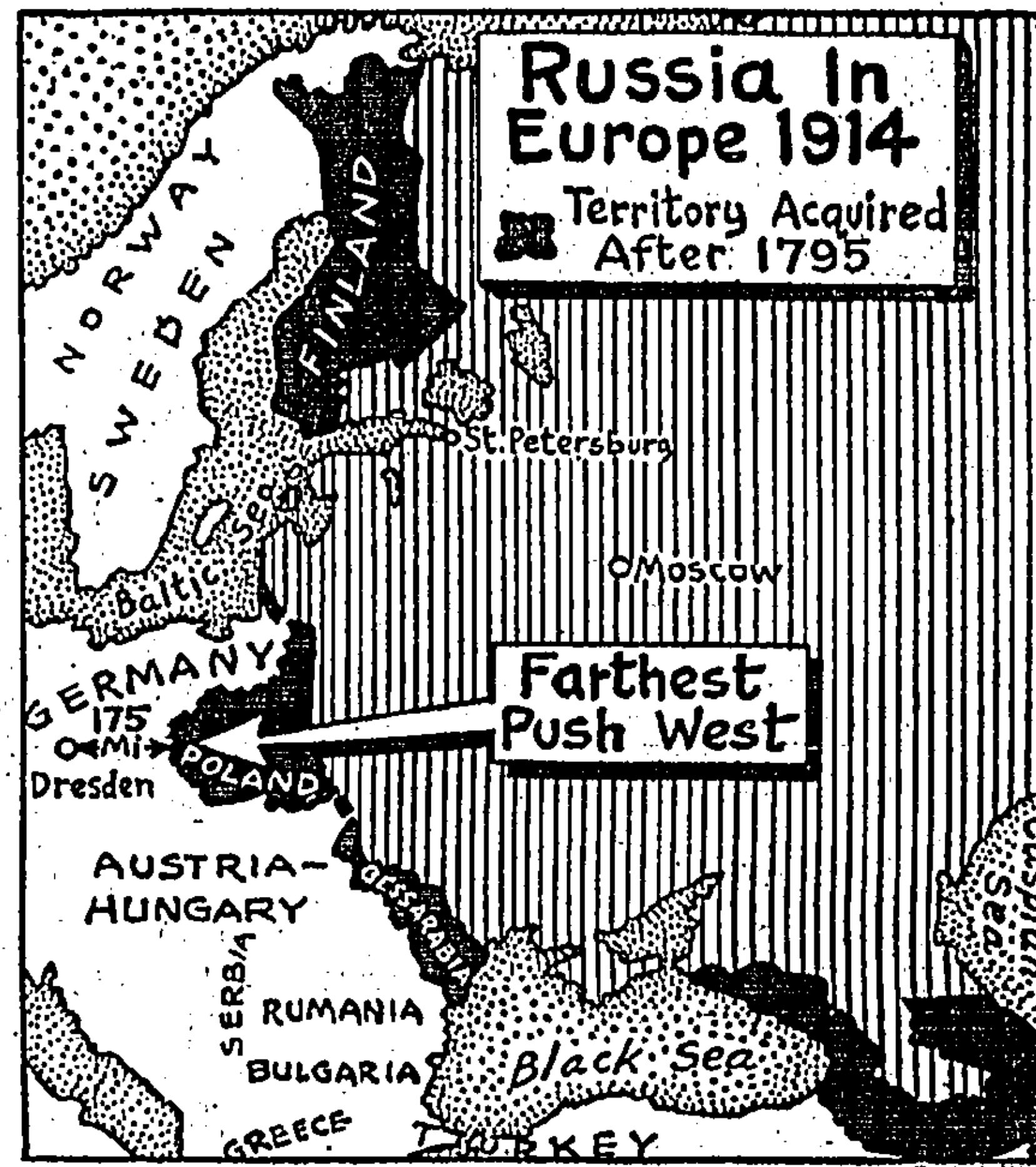
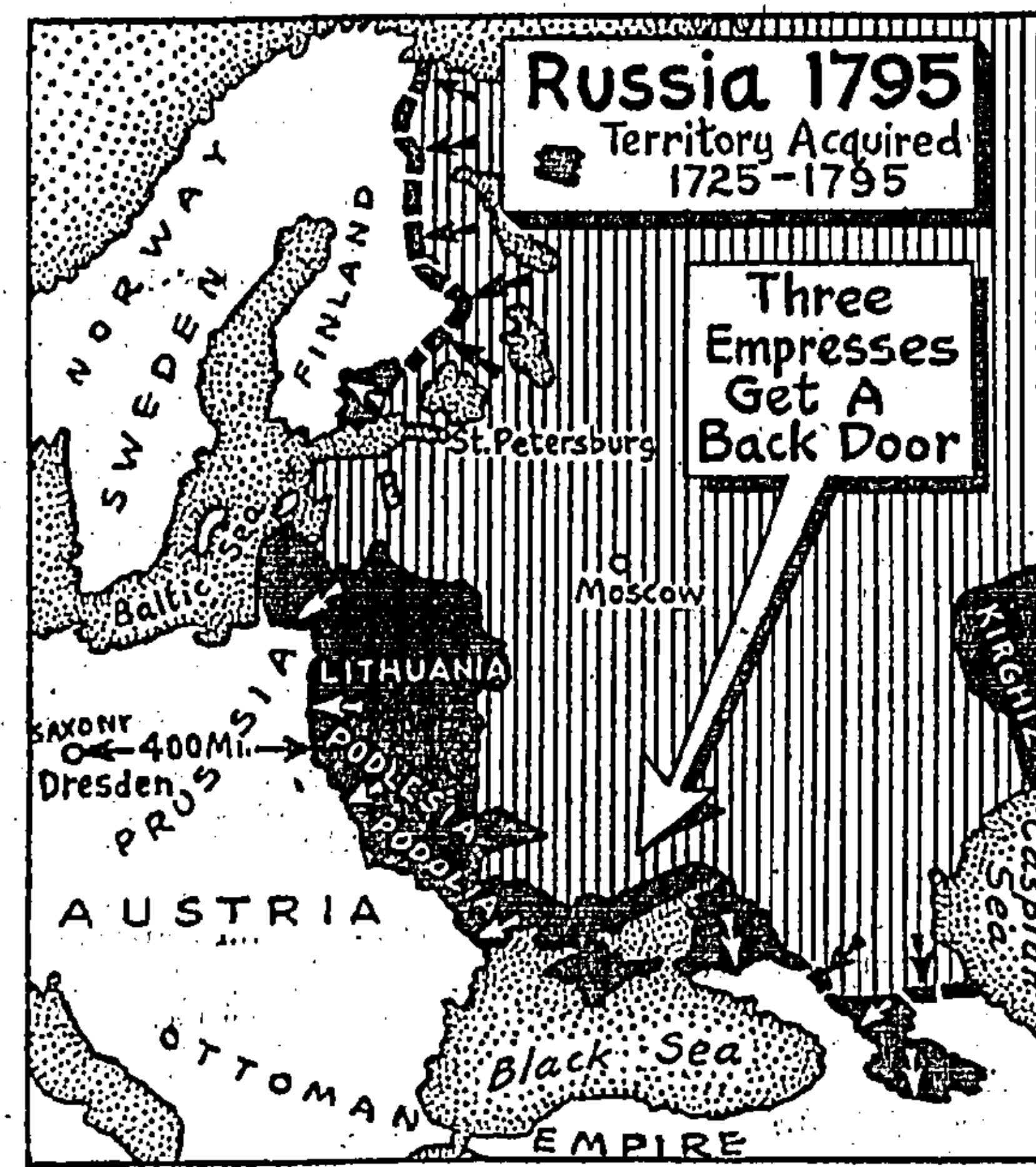
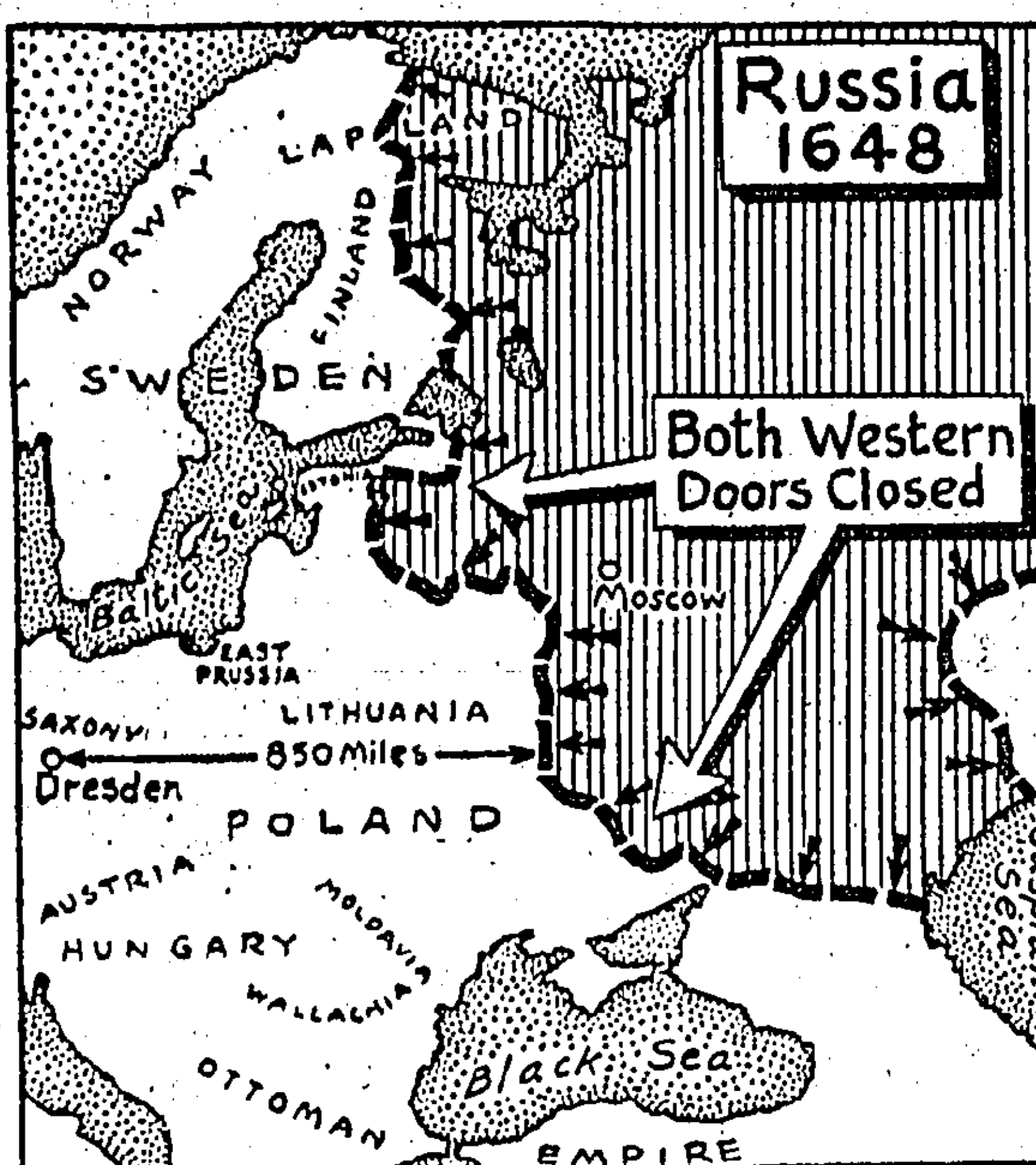
On balance, our nett losses in
fourteen weeks of war amount
to no more than 60,000 tons.
Considering that we have a
merchant fleet of 21,000,000
tons, Mr. Churchill is obviously
justified in his assertion that
our mercantile marine is prac-
tically unaffected.

The Nazis can make no such
claims for the U-boat position.
At least five U-boats have been
sunk since the First Lord of the
Admiralty made his last report
to the House of Commons, a rate
of destruction that we never
achieved in the last war. Out
of 60 U-boats which were ready
for action at the beginning of
September almost half must now
be lost. Such a rate of destruc-
tion of submarines and of trained
crews cannot be endured for long
by Germany.

Unlike past weeks, Britain
has not suffered any new losses
on the Royal Navy side. The
Rawalpindi—an armed auxiliary
cruiser—was destroyed after a
gallant action last week.

The balance is on our side in
every direction—on the seas, in
the air, on land and on the
economic front.

THE RUSSIAN ROLLER ROLLS



—From the "Christian Science Monitor"

RUSSIA OPENS FRONT AND BACK DOORS TO THE WEST

The Mother of the Slavs sprawls over a continent, now balancing, now upsetting Europe's delicate balance of power. Her present advance in Europe has been at the invitation of Hitler; but her fundamental interests in the Baltic and the Balkans would seem to clash with those of Germany. How long then can this unnatural alliance continue?

HAS Russia begun a westward push? Is it going to play a role in Europe again?

You yourself must give the answer. It is written where all may read. It is scrawled in gigantic letters across the most titanic land empire that has ever persisted among the nations of men. The sentences are irregular and distorted, as if made by children, or in the dark. But any discerning man can make them out.

They take us back towards the end of the last millennium. They reveal a boundless expanse of level steppes, dreary swamps, trackless forests. All is as formless as a shoreless sea. Currents surge through it as bewildered gulf streams; unending waves leap and fall in futile rhythm. They are the tribes of the earth, wandering without compass and without charter, wandering whither they hunger, leading or fear drives, ravaging, devouring, disappearing. A limitless, inarticulate human ocean—that was Russia.

Then somehow, from somewhere, there appeared a definite type, the Slavs. They splattered as a drop of milk fallen on a stone. In time there were Slavs in the Baltics, Slavs in the Balkans, Slavs in the Carpathians, Slavs in the Alps, Slavs in the Peloponnesus.

Christianity (989)
Looking farther upon that formless Slavic sea you see a light piercing the gloom. Religion comes to the Russian Slavs (989). From China? No. From India? No. From the West, through Constantinople. It is Christianity. That's a new link with Europe. To the instinctive tie of hunger is added the invisible bond of faith. The Slavs move West.

Duchy Of Moscow (1300)
Imagine them now as clouds covering the skies. They are always in motion. No constant form; no persisting colour. The clouds meet, coalesce, separate, merge again—endlessly. Not there's a dense mass there. In the middle that seems to stay together. It looks like a whale; like an elephant; like a camel! Like all of them, and none of them. But it remains. It does not vanish. It will never vanish.

Ivan The Terrible (1533-84)

The Duchy of Moscow has come into being. Russia has begun. The Slavs have a mother. Mother Russia is on the way to Europe.

Russia moves slowly. She does not travel in a buggy. She has no roads, and must make her way as she goes. So she rides on a "bulldozer," the most formidable of all American excavating machines, a scraper pushed by a crawling tractor that tears out trees, boulders, buildings, as it moves. Russia had a bulldozer 500 years ago. And has constantly been driving it to the West, clumsy, huge, slow, mighty.

Peter The Great (1682-1725)

Russia had no shore, no door to the outside world; no port, no way out. Of course, it tried to drive the bulldozer through the woods and swamps to a sea. The "terrible Ivan" was one of the mightiest of drivers. He went in every direction, greatly expanding his empire. He sat as a colossus on his monstrous caterpillar but he couldn't get to a door.

The Empresses (1730-96)

However, the bulldozer didn't stop. It constantly gained in power. The Russian nation is the mightiest biological force on earth. It moves as a glacier. Who can stop a glacier?

Peter the Great at last directs it to the sea. He takes the Baltic states. So Russia has a door, a front door. Russia goes to the West; the West comes into Russia. The sea surges through Russia's own portal. A splendid city rises upon it, welcoming Europe to Moscow, directing Muscovy to Europe.

The city is St. Petersburg. Over onion-domed, gold-decked churches, bells exultantly cry, "Russia has a door!"

But the bulldozer has not stopped. Russia's huge house requires another door, a southern portal—into the Mediterranean. So Russia pushes on. Women are now masters; empresses rule the Russians. But it matters not who holds the wheel. The needs and strivings of the millions guide and impel the tank.

Turkey blocks the way! Turkey had a grand empire over Russia's little more than a Muscovite duchy. It dominated North Africa, much of Asia, and a good deal of Europe while Russia was still wading in its swamps. But Russia needs a door; it won't be stopped. War follows war. Barrier after barrier is raised, road after road is blocked. Half of Europe comes to Turkey's aid—all to no avail. The tank goes on and on. It tears out forests, smashes citadels, crushes an empire; crushes to the sea. Russia has a southern door, another road to the West. Russia now has two arms with which to embrace Europe. It is the end of the 18th century.

The Alexanders (1825-81)

But time did not stop with the 18th century. Nor does the Russian tank. The empire extends over nearly one-sixth of the earth's land surface but that is not enough. The machine moves on. It rolls over little Finland (1809), passes over almost the whole of Poland (1815) rolls over the Balkans clear to the outpost of Constantinople (1878), freeing Bulgaria and Rumania, retaining the province of Bessarabia.

That endured until 1917.

Josef Stalin

But time did not end in 1917. The course of Russian history is not deflected. Russian power is not exhausted; the "Russian Bulldozer" not.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Can you play some old fashioned dances—like the Black Bottom?"

Home Consumers Must Go Without PLAIN LANGUAGE BY MR. HUDSON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The House of Commons to-day agreed on the reply to the King's address, after rejecting by 226 votes to 31, a Liberal amendment asserting that the Government is not taking adequate measures to develop export trade.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, replying in the debate, declared that the war was going to be a "Cash and Carry" one.

The requirements of the Services and the civilian industry and of raw materials were infinitely greater than ever before, and the Services had to realise that if they wanted a continuation of supplies we should have to export and pay for them.

Public Must Realise

The public also would have to realise that there was bound to be shortages of some articles.

The issue of the war depended on whether we could organise our economy together with what we could draw from overseas better than the Germans, and also which industrial organisation was going to stand the strain best.

We had got to husband our resources.

He thought that they had got to tell the public in the last resort that the manufacturers would have to turn over to exports and home consumers would have to do the best they could.

"We have got to realise that we are fighting for our lives," said Mr. Hudson.

He was perfectly certain that unless we continued to export, we would certainly not survive.

U.S. Economy Urged

'Pump Priming' Not Remedy For Ills

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (UP).—The governing Finance Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers in their report state that Federal "pump priming" has not helped the nation's ill and that it must be replaced by governmental economy if taxation obstacles to private industry are to be reduced.

The report said that interest charges on the Federal Debt this fiscal year 43 per cent, greater than the entire annual cost of running the Government before the World War.

S.A.-PORTUGAL CONFABS

LISBON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Colonel Reitz, the South African Minister for Native Affairs and recently representative at the Empire talks in London, arrived at Lisbon to-day, and is now visiting Portugal, at the invitation of the Portuguese Government.

He will discuss matters of great interest to Portugal and South Africa, particularly in connection with Angola and Mozambique.

The Portuguese press emphasises the importance of his visit to Portugal.

KING, PRESIDENT MEET IN FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—An historic encounter took place in a French provincial town behind the lines to-day when the heads of the British Empire and France clasped hands.

His Majesty King George VI entertained President Lebrun and M. Daladier at a lunch at which Viscount Gort, the Duke of Gloucester and other high French and British officers were present.

Cordial toasts were exchanged, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the B.E.F.

RETURN TO FIGHT FOR COUNTRY

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A total of 230 Finnish-Americans, many of whom had never seen Finland, arrived here to-day to join the Finnish army as volunteers.

They left New York early last month when it became apparent that the Russians were eager to pick a quarrel.

News of the Soviet invasion of Finland reached the contingent while they were at sea.

FORMER CHINA STATION PILOT IS KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Admiralty casualty list contains, among those killed on active service, Squadron Leader P. M. Watt, former adjutant of the air units aboard H.M.S. Hermes which was formerly attached to the China Station.

Squadron Leader Watt was a famous glider.

Squadron Leader P. MacGregor Watt, flying instructor and adjutant of No. 608 (North Riding) Squadron of the Auxiliary Air Force since March, 1937, was promoted in October, 1937.

Entering Cranwell as a cadet in January, 1925, he was posted two

He Wooded Her, Wooded Her & Wooded Her

But Hitler's Quost In Turkey Is Futile

ISTANBUL, Dec. 7 (Reuter).

Hitler's latest envoy to Turkey, Baron von Lersner, has been hard at work since he arrived four days ago to regain for the Reich the confidence of the Turks, since Herr Franz von Papen's mission is considered to have failed completely, according to dispatches from Ankara.

Baron von Lersner, who describes himself as "representative in Turkey of the German Near East Club," claims that his task consists of bettering Turkish-German cultural, social and economic relations.

No Short Memories

It is not thought, however, that this new Nazi bid to win over the Turks will have the desired effect, as the Turks are unlikely to forget in a hurry the bitter experiences of the past.

Turkish newspapers yesterday and to-day carried articles violently attacking the Nazi diplomats accredited to Turkey, whom they hold to be directly responsible for the wide distribution, two days ago, of the Turkish translation of "Pravda's" attack on the Turkish Press.

Agreements Signed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Dec. 7 (UP).—The Turkish military mission has returned from London.

It is officially stated that they signed agreements with the Allies for the purchase of war materials, the payment to be made in commodities.

NAVAL INVASION THOUGHT NEAR

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have been undertaken to explore the possibilities of landing troops by parachute.

The Finns are not dismayed, for a network of watchers with rifles loaded stands ready day and night to deal with parachutists, and anti-aircraft batteries have already proved effective against Russian planes.

Russian warships are reported to be searching for Finnish warships off the coast of Sweden.

Fierce Battle

Telegrams from Haparanda report a fierce battle (described to be the bloodiest which has yet occurred) in the vicinity of Petsamo.

It is estimated that 7,000 Russians were in the field when the battle was begun.

They have already lost 2,000. The Finns are stated to be fighting with cold, methodical fury.

According to the "Aften Bladet," the Soviet steam-roller movement on the Karelian isthmus is apparently checked and may even be stuck.

Kemijarvi Engagement

It is reported from Helsinki that a heavy engagement occurred north-east of Kemijarvi.

Three thousand Russians were driven back.

The retirement of Finnish troops has brought them to their main line of defence in this sector.

Finnish Government departments are still functioning in Helsinki, using secret addresses, and changing telephone numbers constantly in order to frustrate possible espionage.

A total of 2,600 Swedes have offered to serve in the Finnish forces.

FINLAND'S APPEAL TO WORLD

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methods as the Nazis, against which the British working class is united in the war now raging.

The statement declares that British Labour, in the light of recent events, repudiates utterly the claims of Russia to be the leader of the world's working class movement.

On his return to England, he joined No. 18 (Bomber) Squadron, and in 1934-35 was adjutant of No. 607 (County of Durham) Squadron.

Under-Secretary For Air Back

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Captain Harold Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, arrived back in England to-day with the Australian Air Minister.

He had flown from Canada, and said he was amazed at the united determination of Canada to play a full part in the war.

Many Americans are coming forward and offering themselves for service with Canada; he had been told.

AID FOR NEUTRALS

Vessels Chartered And Protected

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—

It is officially confirmed in London to-day, with reference to the statement made in the House of Commons by the First Lord of the Admiralty yesterday regarding the British chartering of neutral vessels, that the Ministry of Shipping has already arranged employment for several millions of neutral tonnage.

Such action is advantageous to neutral ship-owners in that the British Government takes on the liability of war risks, profits are guaranteed and not speculative, and the vessels chartered are conducted from port to port by the effective convey system of the Royal Navy.

Safer In Convoys

The experience of recent weeks suggests that the British ships proceeding in convoys are safer from indiscriminate German attacks than neutral vessels travelling unaccompanied on normal commercial business.

Neutral ships are finding employment in British trades on the same footing as British ships in respect of bunkers, repairs and other facilities, which mean so much to ship-owners even in peace time, and which become increasingly important in war.

It is thus clear that the system of chartering neutral tonnage by Great Britain operates to the mutual advantage of both parties, states this special commentary.

FINLAND MAY BE WORLD BATTLEGROUND

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50,000 surgical dressings to Finland. An announcement to this effect was made to-day by Mr. Norman Davis, Secretary of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Davis added that a nationwide appeal will probably be opened for relief contributions, which will probably aggregate US\$3,000,000.

"I do not think there is any question about the American people wanting to help Finland," Mr. Davis added.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, revealed to-day that negotiations are in progress for a loan to Finland.

Break Off Relations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A demand for the breaking off Anglo-French relations with Russia is made by Right Wing newspapers.

"Le Temps," for example, admits that serious consequences must follow any Franco-British gesture of sympathy with Finland, but argues that there is a "certain risk of giving a spectacle of two great powers in arms hesitating to fall in alongside with a weak and brave people who have preferred to fight rather than capitulate for a cause which the Allies are defending."

"Le Temps" emphasises the effect such action will have on neutrals and the whole world.

The journal says that it might bring about a vast moral coalition around Franco-British union.

CHINA AND THE SOVIETS

Geneva Position Is Delicate

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, left for Geneva last night to attend the League of Nations meetings.

Chinese in London find themselves in a difficult position.

While naturally sympathising with Finland, they cannot fail to recognise the gratitude due to the Soviet for the substantial help offered to China in the struggle against Japan.

BAN ON COTTON OPTIONS

BOMBAY, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Governor of Bombay, according to an official announcement, intends in the next day or two to make an act declaring void options in cotton along the lines of the Ordinance issued on September 22.

The Ordinance prohibited option business in cotton in view of the violent fluctuations in prices.

STOCK MARKET'S FIRM TONE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Despite very quiet conditions on the Stock Exchange, the tone was firm with gilt-edged and selected foreign Government Bonds rising.

Oils recovered after the recent down-trend, while the leading industrial maintained good levels.

Wall Street was firm.

WESTERN FRONT, "A QUIET DAY"

PARIS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states: "Quiet day on the whole. Patrols on either side. Infantry along the Rhine."

Rothermere Court

Action Echo

Princess Hohenlohe To Leave

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—An

echo of the recent Lord Rothermere court case was heard in the House of Commons when Mr. George Strauss asked the Home Secretary whether, in view of the revelations in the recent High Court action of her close association with the German Chancellor, he was considering the deportation of Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe.

Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary replied: "I understand that this Hungarian subject has made arrangements to leave the country by boat and will be sailing in a few days."

Earlier Daylight Saving In 1940

LONDON, Dec. 7 (British Wire-

less).—The Home Secretary, answering a House of Commons question, said that while he was disposed to favour an earlier introduction of Summer Time next year, he thought it unnecessary to decide the exact date so far ahead.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were

issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$ 1,330 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £ 82½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £ 84½ n.
Chartered £ 8 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ 30½ n.
Mercantile, C. £ 21½ n.
East Asia £ 11 n.

INSURANCES

Canton £ 215 s.
Union £ 390 b.
China Underwriter £ 1¼ n.
H.K. Fire £ 100 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases £ 71 b.
Steamboats £ 11 n.
Indo-China £ 60 n.
Indo-China £ 80 n.
Shells (Bearers) £ 70/4½ n.
Waterboats £ 8.10 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves £ 101½ n.
Docks £ 10½ n.
Provident £ 4¼ b.
New Eng. Sh. £ 17.00 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. £ 105 n.

MINING

Kaibai £ 18/6 n.
Raub £ 9.00 b.
Venz Gold £ 4 n.
H.K. Mines £ 4 9/8 n.

LANDS

Hotels £ 4.05 n.
Lands £ 33 b.
Lands 4% Deb. £ 100 n.
Shal Lands Sh. £ 10.00 n.
Humphreys £ 7½ n.
H.K. Realities £ 4.30 b.
Chinese Estates £ 100 b.

UTILITIES

Trams £ 10½ n.
Peak Trams (old) £ 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) £ 4 b.
Star Ferries £ 64½ n.
Y. Ferries £ 23½ b.
China Lights (old) £ 7.05 n.
China Lights (new) £ 4.70 n.
H.K. Electric £ 51½ b.
Macao Electric £ 18½ n.
Sandakan Lights £ 11½ b.

Telephones (old) £ 24 sa.
Telephones (new) £ 7½ n.
Tractions (Pref.) £ 18/3 n.
Tractions (Pref.) £ 18/9 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$ 1.14 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$ 1.13 n.
Canton Ice £ 1 n.
Cement £ 16½ sa.
H.K. Ropes £ 8.10 b.

STORES

Dairy Farm (old) \$ 20½ b. & sa.
Dairy Farm (new) \$ 19½ b.
Watsons \$ 8.60 n.
Lane, Crawford \$ 7½ n.
Sincere \$ 1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$ 41 n.
Powell, & Co. \$ 1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$ 25½ n.
Shal Cotton Sh. ex. div. \$ 101 n.
Zong Sing Sh. \$ 42 n.
Wing On Textile Sh. \$ 48½ n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments \$ 6.25 b.
Constructions (old) \$ 1.75 b.
Constructions (new) \$ 1 n.
Vibro Filling \$ 1 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1929

G. Bonds \$ 47½ n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$ 100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan \$ 97 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) \$ 14/0 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) \$ 4/ n.

RESULTS OF SERVICES GOLF MEET

The following are the results of the United Services golf meeting held at Fanling:

36 Holes Scratch—1. Major A. S. Johnstone (60-60)=160. 2. Lieut.-Col. H. D. Rose (62-64)=166.

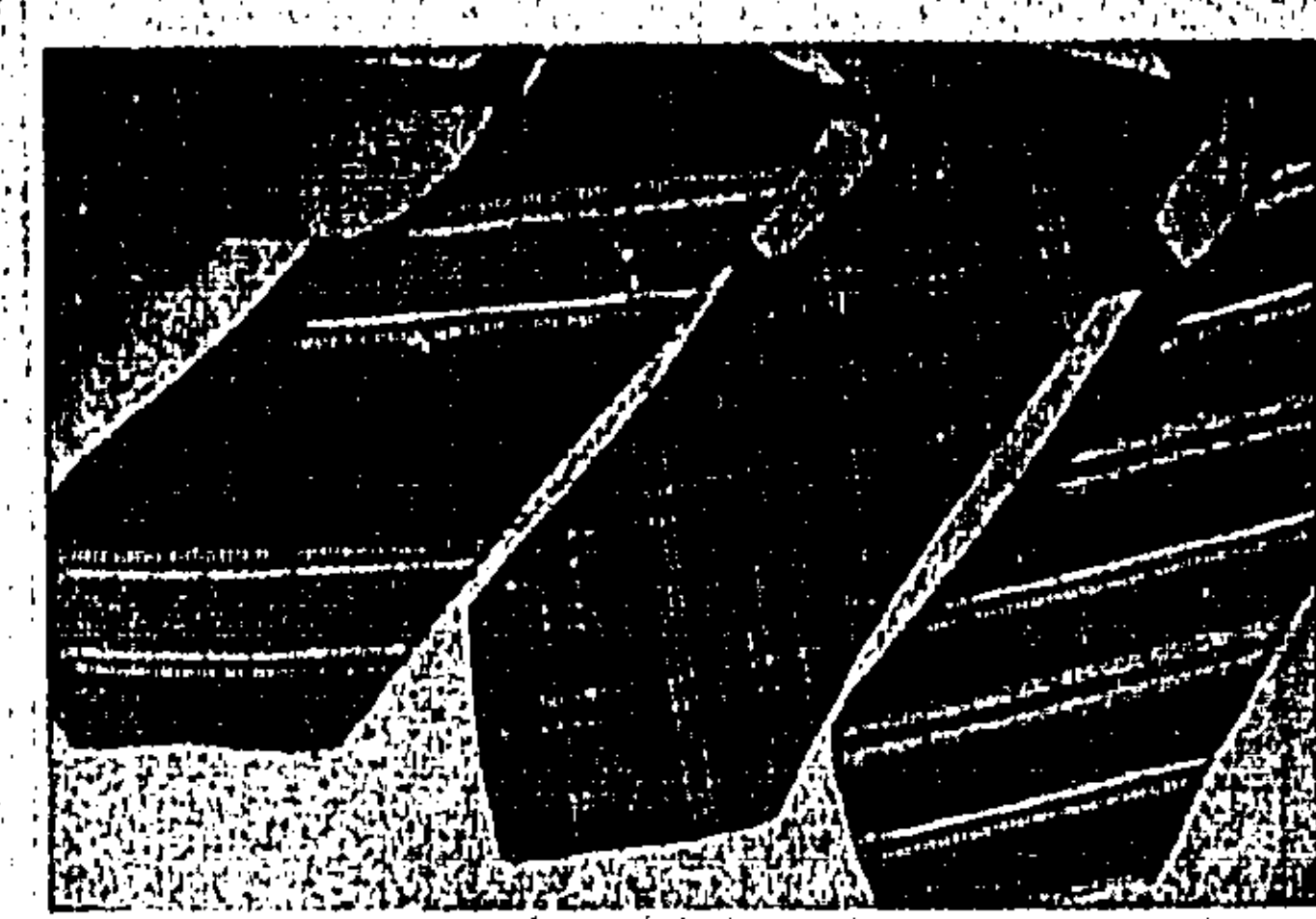
36 Holes Handicap—1. Capt. C. H. H. H. (72-73)=144.

18 Holes Handicap (Old Course)—Wing-Cor. Steele-Parkins (10-60)=60.

18 Holes Handicap (New Course)—Major H. W. R. Williams (17-70).

Veterans' Prize—Lieut. Col. H. B. Rose (9-75).

Long Handicap Prize—Capt. J. Reidy (81) (73-71)=154.



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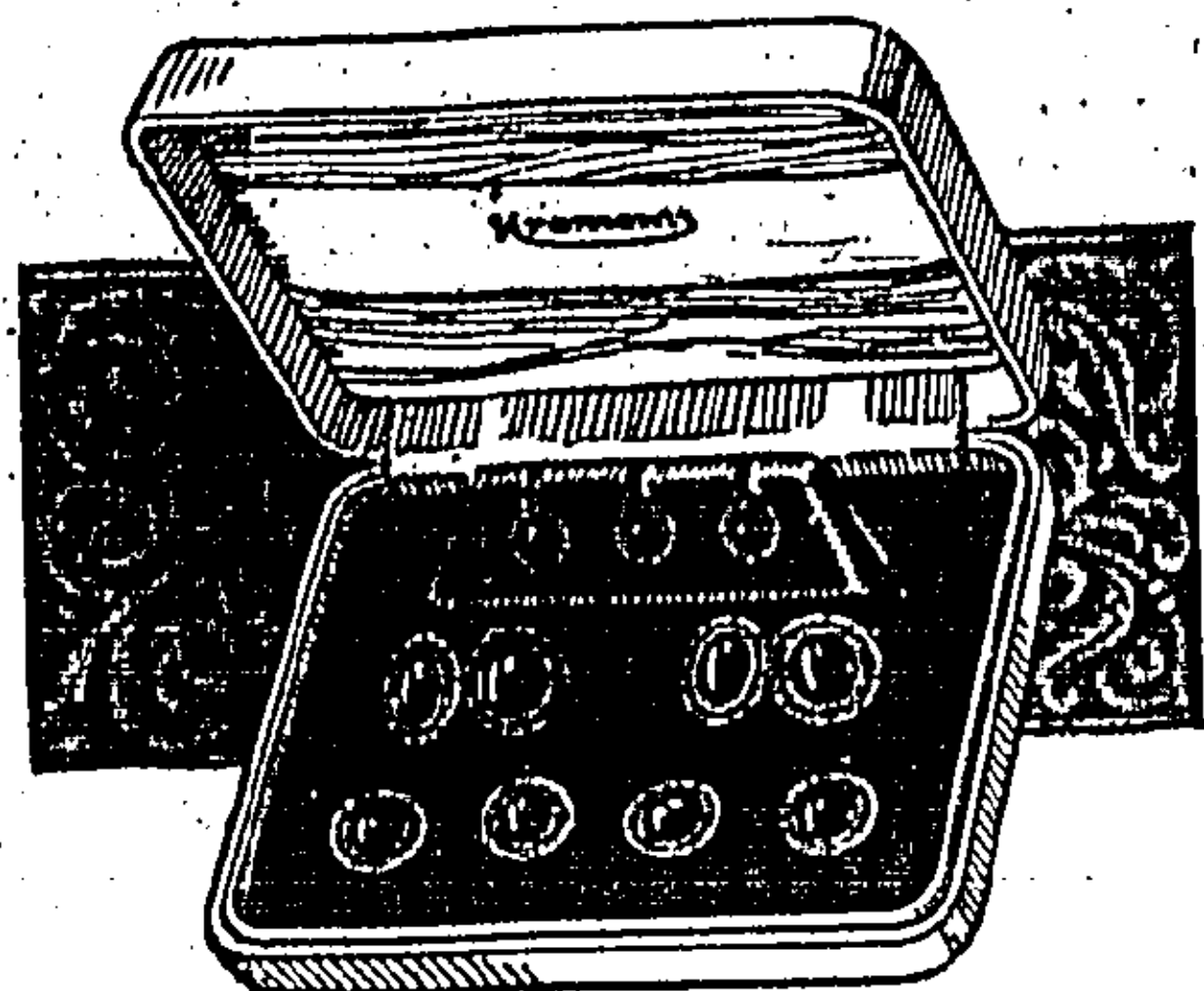
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

THRILLING MEETING AT VALLEY

Galaxy's Surprising Win In St. Andrew's Stakes: First Chinese Success Since 1929

EVERY CONCEIVABLE THRILL known on the racecourse was witnessed at the St. Andrew's Meeting held at Happy Valley last Saturday. The atmospheric conditions were ideal and this was, in certain measure, responsible for the big muster of racegoers, both terraces in the two enclosures being packed to its full capacity.

The main event, the St. Andrew's Stakes for China ponies over the Derby course, was annexed by Galaxy, a griffin of this season, and Mr. L. B. Chao came into double prominence by being the jockey and owner of the winner. It was certainly a great triumph to Mr. Chao, for it was the first occasion that an owner had the pleasure of piloting his own steed in this old Autumn classic and I am sure a record hard to beat.

Immediately after the race the presentation took place in the Stewards' Room before a good crowd of racing fans and Dr. G. D. R. Black, after a short speech, handed the cup to Mr. Chao, who, in a few appropriate words, thanked the Chairman for the beautiful trophy.

The last Chinese success was in 1929 when One-Third, owned by Mr. Y. M. Loo of Macao, romped home first, beating Xmas Chimes (Mr. Heard up) by a short head after a most thrilling race; the grey gelding was piloted by Mr. G. U. da Rosa. Of course, Mr. Ho Kom-tong was the first Chinese to win the St. Andrew's cup.

A salient feature of the St. Andrew's gymkhana held last Saturday was the failure of those 44 astute mathematicians, who could not select the right horse for the second leg of the daily double event and they were naturally dumbfounded when the mighty Ajax with Mr. Poy in the saddle slaughtered the well backed Roofsly (Mr. Needa up), who dead-heated with Violet Queen (Mr. H. M. Botelho) for second place in the Auld Reekie Handicap. As a result of this miscalculation, the pool amounting to \$7,523 will be carried over to the next meeting to be held on December 16, which will terminate the second half racing season.

This was the fourth occasion that punters failed in their selection to connect the second pony of the combination and it may be of interest to know that the pool of \$7,523 was the biggest since the introduction of the daily double event in 1933, in fact doubling the highest sum of \$3,704 carried over from the second day of the Double Tenth meeting last year. There is no doubt that the daily double event (which will be on the Tardy Handicap for "B" class China ponies and the Last Chance Handicap for "C" class China ponies) at the coming meeting will be very popular and it will surely bring a new band of speculators, who will undoubtedly help to swell the pool.

WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE

AFTER a sequence of three dead heats, Laughing Girl came into her own and with assistance of her usual chaperon, Mr. S. C. Liang, the combination just managed to win the base line in the nick of time to win the Gorbals Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies, beating Scenic View (one of the co-partners) in the first time of 1:20.1/5 over six furlongs, which was a wonderful performance. However, the combination had a good start but were still marching up and down on the grass track in front of the judge's box. What actually happened, it was not possible to say, but apparently the pony took exception to the "Hilland tunes" and without due notice National Pride gave an "order" to his jockey, Mr. S. W. Tang, who was lucky to escape without any injury. With a battalion of mafoos on the course trying to stop the pony, the grey stallion bolted round the track twice and were it not for the official starter, Mr. Alice Potts, who raised his "red flag," National Pride would have gone another circle. It was undoubtedly a master stroke and it is to be hoped that in future the use of the red flag will be brought into service when occasion arises. However, the combination had a good start but National Pride was dead to the world, finishing last but one. Keep an eye on him in his next outing.

MR. CHIU GRADUATED

IT must have been a happy day for Mr. C. F. Chiu (a novice) who graduated at the expense of his own racer, Golden Cow, and the pony paid \$110.10 for a win to close the end of a perfect day in the last event. The young jockey rode his maiden win on Mayflower in the Hwang Ho

Handicap on May 16, 1936, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Chiu's future will be a prosperous one among the better class of experienced riders. The return of Mr. C. R. Cheape (a novice) from the northern port to the saddle has met with minor successes, securing two thirds on West Lake and Talkative in the first and second sections of the Gallowgate Handicap respectively.

No one has yet attempted to find out the amount of racing fans passed through the turnstiles in the Public Enclosure at any of the Extra Meetings, for I am sure the figure must be an interesting one. There was exceptionally good demand for the dollar cash sweep at the St. Andrew's meeting. In the penultimate event the total amount of tickets sold was 5,825 and the lucky No. 1039, which drew Ajax, received the first prize of \$2,678.00 for an investment of a dollar. In the last race the cost of a cash sweep ticket was \$2 per chance and the first prize was \$4,538.00 which was really wonderful.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

ROSE Emily piloted by the champion jockey was considered the wheel of fortune in the main event, the St. Andrew's Stakes over one and a half miles, and when the various counters opened for betting, punters went head over heels for tickets. There was some good money poured over Rose Emily's nose; in fact the mare carried over a third out of a total aggregate of 6,284 and 5,026 tickets sold under the category of win and places respectively.

Rose Emily finished among the "also rans" and it was indeed a sad blow to her faithful supporters. As Mr. Encarnacao always had a big public following, it may be of interest to know that an investment of \$24,585 had gone west, representing the value of 2,773 tickets for a win and 2,144 for a place.

For a win in the St. Andrew's Stakes the aggregate chances sold on the nine starters amounted to 6,284 whilst for places the figure was 5,026 tickets. These two added together would amount to 11,310 tickets, involving a turnover of \$59,700, which was the second biggest investment on an event for an extra meeting. However, the highest betting record was in the Tardy Handicap on June 2, this year, when the total for win and places reached an aggregate of 12,150 tickets representing a turnover of \$60,750.

It is interesting to recall that Celtic Star holds the record of the highest single backed pony with 2,914 tickets for a win and next in order comes Rose Emily, who was supported to the tune of 2,773 chances in the St. Andrew's Stakes last Saturday. The latter was a record for an extra meeting, eclipsing Heetic View's (who was second in the Beaufort Handicap on June 3, 1939) figure of 2,739 for a win by 34 tickets.

ST. ANDREW'S STAKES

SELDOM has the betting public been given the opportunity to see an even field of good runners over a long distance, and there was no doubt that the St. Andrew's Stakes last Saturday was the best event of the meet. The only absentee was Blue Express, who was under a cloud, and it is to be regretted that Mr. Eu's stable has not lately been favoured with much sunshine.

However, the first to break through was New Star pursued by Jobber, Lilliber, Heetic View and the rest following in the rear. That position was maintained until the pack came into the straight and, passing the judge's box for the first time, Heetic View was in the front row followed by Jobber, Galaxy, Lilliber, Rose Emily and others hanging in the rear. One thing I noticed was that New Star was under pressure, but Lilliber was pulling to beat the band. Instead of taking the mare right out to the front, Mr. Sung, the jockey, was quite satisfied to stay behind and

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GOLF STARTING TIMES

The following starting times have been arranged for the Old and New courses, Fanling, on Sunday next:

OLD COURSE	
9.16	D. Gilmore, J. T. Smith.
9.20	F. D. Hunter, W. W. C. Shewan.
9.24	G. M. Park, L. R. Andrews.
9.28	H. N. Williamson, J. Forbes.
9.32	A. M. Kirby, H. F. Morford.
9.36	A. D. Humphreys, R. K. Valentine.
9.40	R. C. Gardner, R. G. Gray.
9.44	Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dowell.
9.48	L. A. R. Duncan, R. R. Davies.
9.52	S. S. Church, M. D. Cooper.
9.56	F. Groves, W. G. Robertson.
10.00	W. Hewitt, E. Lawrence.
10.04	F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groomer.
10.08	H. J. D. Lowe, J. B. Harrison.
10.12	E. C. Norris, A. Nicol.
10.16	Comdr. Hole, T. Megarry.
10.20	S. T. Butlin, F. Buelde.
10.24	Comdr. Murray, T. A. Rowell.
10.28	J. E. Dovey, B. D. Evans.
10.32	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36	H. C. Watson, D. L. Prophan.
10.40	D. Humphreys, P. S. Delany.
10.44	H. S. Roes, J. G. Jensen.
10.48	R. H. Gregory, A. B. Purves.
10.52	J. W. Mayhew, P. E. Annis.
10.56	R. C. Stewart, D. H. Clark.
11.00	W. Park, W. Sharp.
11.04	S. Tomlinson, I. P. Tamworth.
11.08	W. N. A. Smalley, D. S. Edward.
11.12	A. McKellar, N. K. Littlejohn.
11.16	J. M. Pearson, W. S. E. James.
11.20	E. J. Faggiano, J. W. Clague.
11.24	H. M. Rowland, B. O. Baldwin.
11.28	A. J. Dennis, R. K. Collings.
11.32	Lieut. Carter, G. T. Harrington.

Mrs. Anne Dudley In Penang

Mrs. Dudley, formerly Miss Anne Fowler of Hongkong, made her hockey debut in Penang recently when she turned out for the Penang Ladies Hockey Club in their weekly practice. She played for the Whites, which beat the Colours by four goals to two, and, according to the "Straits Echo and Times of Malaya," she put up a stolid defence, clearing her lines effectively.

While in Hongkong, Mrs. Dudley played regularly for the "V" Ladies and has also represented the Colony in Interport matches.

Civilians' Hockey Team For Sunday

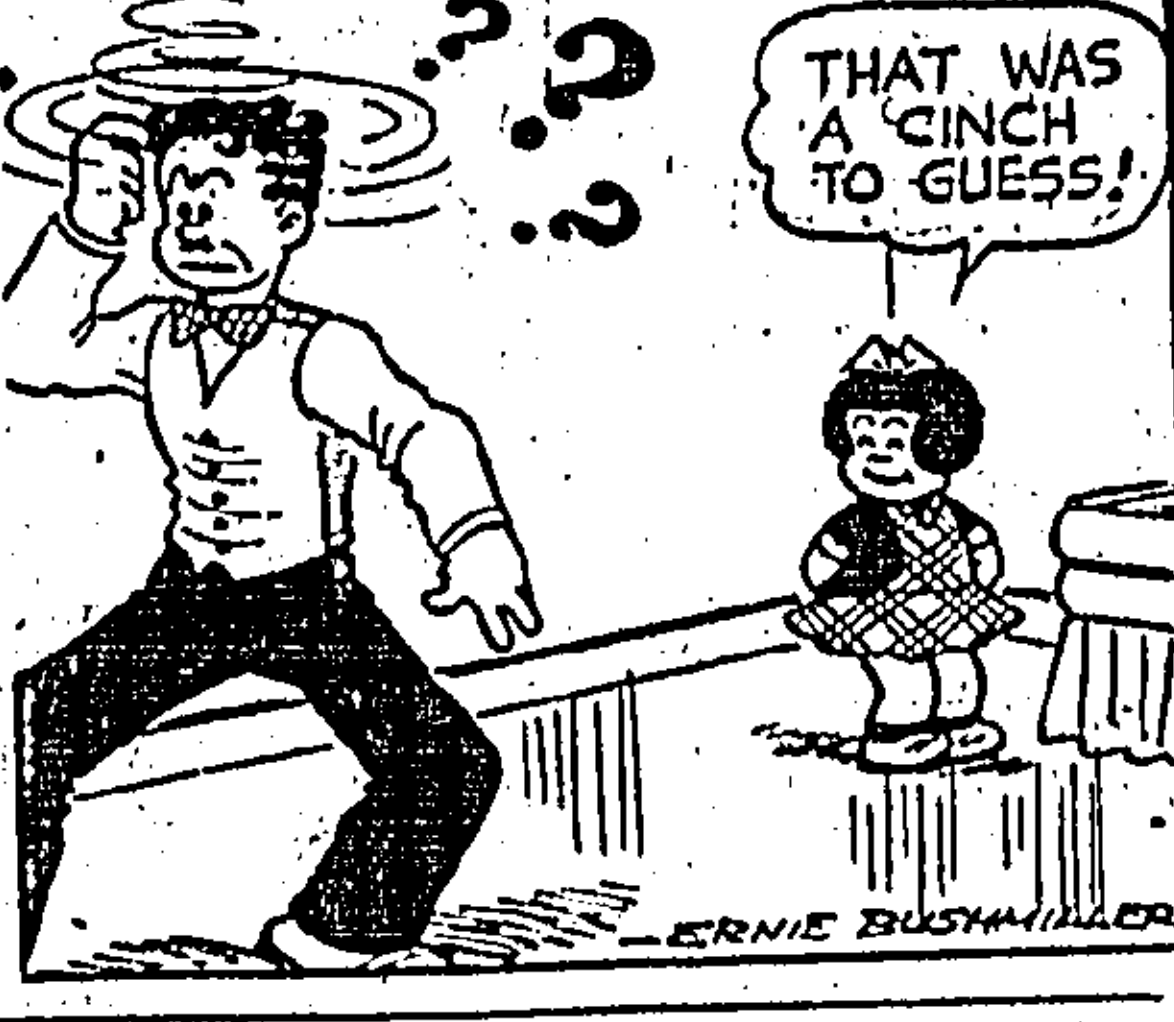
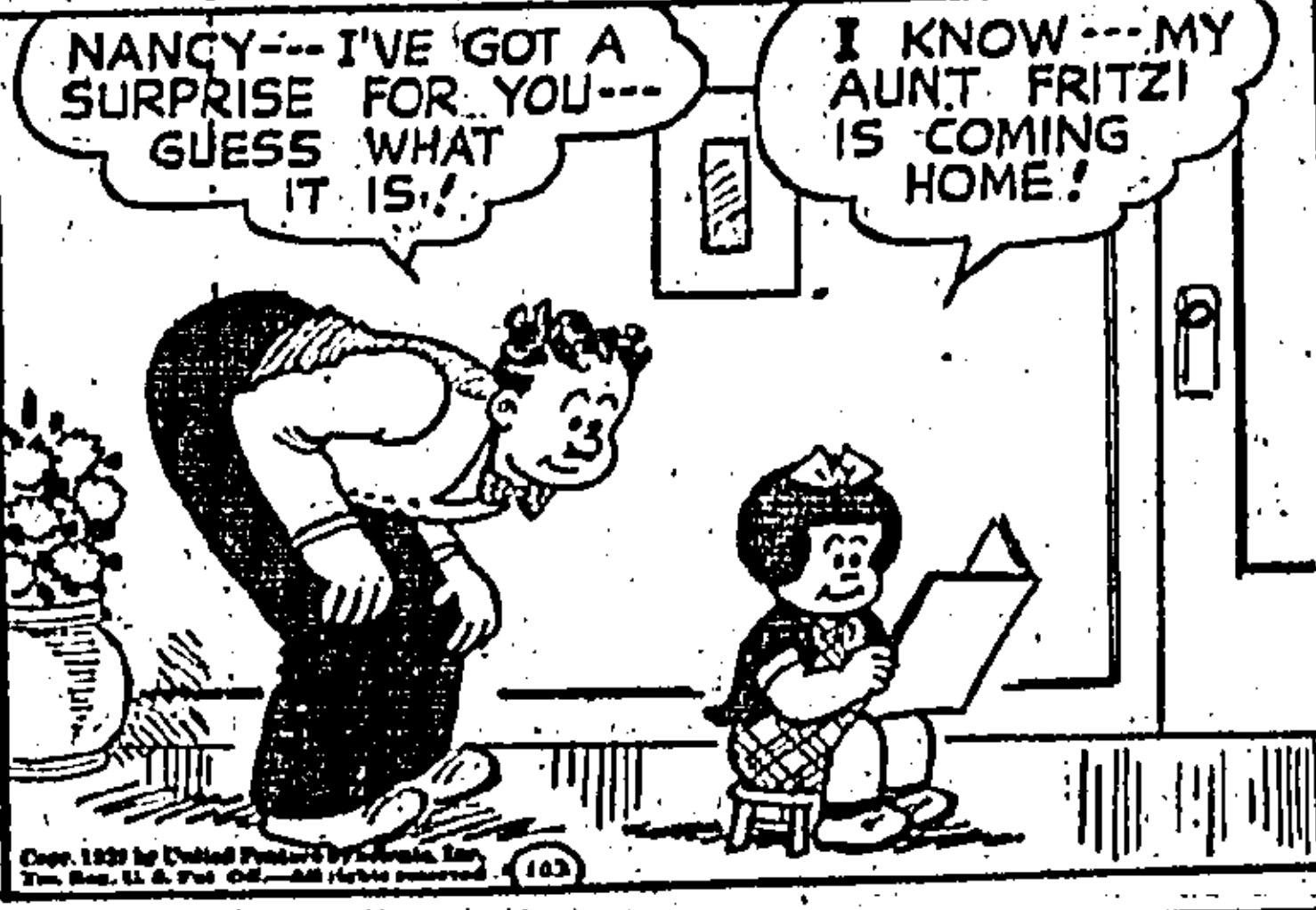
The Civilians' hockey team to meet the Combined Services in aid of the British War Organisation Fund on Sunday at the Club ground was announced yesterday as follows:

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and J. Consalves (Recreio); W. Brown (Police); W. A. Reed (Club); and N. Whitely (C.B.A.); S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); E. Fowler (C.B.A.) and J. Soares (Recreio). Reserves.—R. A. Marques (Recreio), R. J. Reed (Nomads) and D. T. Smith (C.B.A.).

NEW COURSE

9.20	L. M. S. Lloyd, J. R. Collis.
9.24	A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
9.28	Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Morford.
9.30	W. J. S. Key, A. H. McBride.
9.44	D. L. Sirellett, D. D. Forbes.
9.48	Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Davies.
9.50	A. K. Mackenzie, A. T. Lay.
10.00	H. B. Williamson, R. R. de L. Liesching.
10.08	Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, Col. Matthews.
10.12	Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Nicol.
10.20	A. M. Mack, D. Allen.
10.24	Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Rowell.
10.32	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.36	Mrs. Prophet, Mrs. Watson.
10.44	T. E. Pearce, J. C. Taylor.
10.50	Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Clark.
11.00	Mrs. Park, Mrs. Sharp.
11.08	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Edward.
11.16	Major Johnstone, I. Macrae.
11.20	Major Williams, H. F. Phillips.
11.28	Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Collings.

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OBJECTOR WOULD NOT HAVE SAVED CREW OF THETIS

A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD bank clerk told the London Tribunal for Conscientious Objectors that he would have left the victims of the Thetis disaster to their fate.

"They were only trying to prepare a worse death for others," declared Percival Judge, of Rocombe Crescent, S.E. He added that his conscience shrank from participation "directly or indirectly" in the war machine.

Judge was granted exemption from combatant service only. Another applicant, who asked for total exemption, said: "I am standing here witnessing for Christ."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Although the amount of business transacted during the day was not in a large scale it does not afford a true indication of the market. The tone all round is steady with traders increasing their offers but scrip is scarce and may need more tempting before coming to the surface.

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Deadlock On Western Front May Persist

STRENGTH OF RIVAL ARMIES DELAYS WAR

PARIS—One of the circumstances that make for extreme hesitation in launching a large-scale war on land is the high pitch of efficiency to which the defensive side of warfare has been brought.

The deadlock that appears to have arisen between the French and German armies on the western front is giving rise to hope that the struggle may eventually be settled in some way other than a great holocaust like that of the World War.

One of the chief characteristics of the World War on the western front was the almost complete absence of movement, after the first German thrust had been repulsed at the Marne.

Vast armies dug themselves in from the Channel to the Swiss frontier and paid for the microscopic gains of territory, only visible on a large-scale map, with great sacrifice of troops. Among the technical advances of the World War were the airplane, the tank, the submarine, and poison gas.

The outstanding characteristic of the present war in its initial stage is the tremendous power of the defensive lines held by both the French and German armies. The French Maginot line, named after the war minister, Andre Maginot, who directed its construction, and its counterpart, the Siegfried Line, which the Germans then built, usually called the Western Wall, are not mere lines of trenches of the World War type.

They are prolonged fortresses, built largely underground and made impervious to attack by every ingenious device known to modern military engineering.

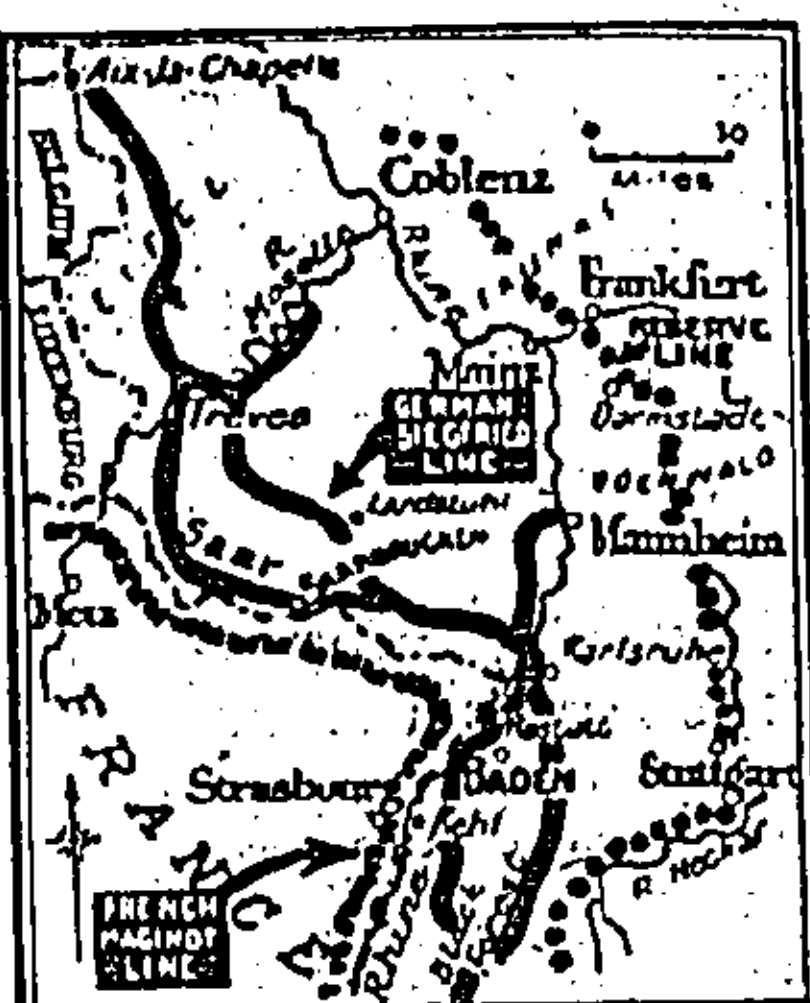
Enormous Reserves Ready

The history of war is the history of a constant race between offensive and defensive weapons. It is an axiom that there is a defence for every attack and also that no defence has proved permanently impregnable against attack. But at the present moment defence seems to possess the upper hand over offence, especially under the conditions which prevail on the French-German front, on which each side is in a position to throw into action enormous numbers of reserves in men and material to support their strongly fortified defensive positions.

For about 150 miles, from Basle to Karlsruhe, the River Rhine constitutes the frontier between the two countries and represents an extremely formidable natural obstacle to an invader. Only overwhelming superiority in the air and in artillery would give either side much chance of throwing bridges across the Rhine and carrying out a large-scale offensive with any prospect of success.

Lacking such superiority, the attacking side would run the risk of having part of its forces cross the river and men and themselves cut off when hostile aircraft or artillery had destroyed the pontoon bridges.

The fighting that has thus far taken place on the western front has been on the German-French frontier between Karlsruhe and the frontier of tiny neutral Luxembourg. Hasty critics of the slowness of the French advance during the period when the Germans were overrunning Poland overlooked the tremendous difficulties which an attack even to the approaches of a fortress line presents. Underground machine-gun



THE original Siegfried Line is to the east of the "loop" to the west of it is a recent addition. The dotted curve marks the reserve Siegfried Line.

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ANOTHER OUTSTRETCHED HAND.
The Sun, Baltimore.

Nazis to Grab Overtime Pay

GERMAN workers are to pay a new "tax." All money they earn for overtime or Sunday work is to go to the Government.

In addition, there are to be no wage increases to meet the higher cost of living. The Muncheener Neueste Nachrichten explains that the measure is introduced "for reasons of war psychology," and adds: "The workers behind the front have to make their sacrifice and contribute towards the conduct of the war."

The entire weight of the German propaganda machine "has been brought to bear to 'popularise' the tax, which is called "part wage-saving."

Foretaste Of Difficulties

With the aid of heavy artillery fire such obstacles can be overcome. But they are only the foretaste of the difficulties involved in storming a line of underground fortresses, equipped with the most powerful types of cannon, protected by armoured turrets, from which fire can be turned in any direction. The Maginot Line, built over a long period of time, is unquestionably a more carefully constructed of the two. Many of its forts, one of which the writer was permitted to see, are located hundreds of feet underground, provided with underground communicating telephones, elaborate electrical systems, the most scientific means of detecting gas.

Neither Line On Frontier

At the same time it would be unwise to underestimate the strength of Germany's West Wall. Although the French newspapers published hopeful reports of foundations of parts of its trenches whenever the Rhine overflows, the Siegfried Line, or West Wall, was begun in 1937, after Germany had reoccupied the Rhineland in the preceding year, was pushed ahead with feverish speed during the months which led up to the crisis of Munich and has been greatly strengthened since that time. Whatever may be its defects, in comparison with the Maginot Line, it is certainly stronger than the "Hindenburg Line," which proved very difficult to crack during the World War.

Neither line is built directly up to the frontier. Over the stretch of frontier that is not covered by the Rhine there is an intermediate "no man's land," partly on the French, partly on the German side of the frontier, ranging in width from eight to thirty miles, where the advanced units of the two armies can skirmish and carry out raids and local operations without coming to grips with the main defensive positions of the enemy.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Sun Never Sets" (Oriental): A Colonial Service melodrama. The story of the film deals with a Colonial Office agent who vindicates the name of his brother on the Gold Coast after the former has unwittingly brought the latter into disgrace. Patriotic appeal.

"Winter Carnival" (Majestic): The story of an heiress who married a duke, divorced him, and came back to her old love who wasn't having any—at least, not at first. The romance of Ann Sheridan and Richard Carlson is long-winded and you'll sigh with relief when they finally get together till death do them part. Ann Sheridan is good but it will take better parts than this to prove her to be the actress they're building her up to be. Light, gay entertainment.

"Girls on Probation" (Kings): Another "social drama" purporting to show the sorrows of an innocent girl who suffers for her bad judgment in picking her friends. Stars: Joan Bennett, Jane Bryan and Anthony Aversil.

"Saint in London" (Queen): The famous "Saint," fictional Robin Hood of the moment, beloved by so many readers of the stories written by Leslie Charteris, has this time been brought to the screen by a British company—and an excellent film thereby has made of it. The salacious characterization of "The Saint" by George Saunders is outstanding.

"The Warning" (Queen and Alhambra): Demonstrates clearly the emergency for which British men and women may be trained in these times. Presents grim picture of toll of modern warfare. Screening times: 35 minutes.

Drama In The Night

CLEVELAND—An old unlighted sedan stopped at the end of a Lake Erie dock here. One man sat at the wheel. The other dragged a heavy object to the water's edge and plopped it in—kerplunk! It was a smashed cigarette machine which two burglars, after looting its coins, had tossed into the lake.

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They Want Ascendancy In German Army NAZI MEN SEEK TO OUST OLD LEADERS

AMSTERDAM.
Reports from Berlin that
Nazi district leaders are to be
given the rank and uniform of
Major-General in the German
Army confirm much information
received here concerning the
struggle of the Nazi party to
increase its strength within the
Army.

Hitler knows, it is said, that many
of his Generals are not 100 per cent
Nazis and also that there are many
officers who would gladly see him
deposed.

Dr. Goebbels, Propaganda Minister,
and Herr Julius Streicher, the
notorious Jew-baiter, will, it is re-
ported, be among those entitled to
wear the uniform of Major-General.

How the new Major-Generals, who
are on the whole the Fascist elements
of the Nazi party, will be regarded
by their professional colleagues of
the old Prussian military school, may
best be left to the imagination.

Move To The Left

Behind the scenes in Germany the
radical elements in the Nazi party
are, under cover of the new friend-
ship with Russia, doing their best to
occupy as many strategic positions as
possible.

A leading part in the radical
movement is taken by Dr. Ley, who
is at the head of the German Labour
Front, which has 30,000,000 mem-
bers. He and his friends are talking
of collectivized schemes for industry
and agriculture under the pretext of
wartime necessity.

The General Staff of the Nazi
Labour Front is faced with the
difficulty that in factories and work-
shops the Communists, after six
years of silence, are again beginning
to raise their voices, and for inter-
national reasons it is impossible to
take action against them.

Meanwhile the Polish invasion has
brought Germany fresh economical
difficulties. According to Dr. Dorp-
mueller, Reich Minister of Transport,
it will be spring before railway
traffic can be restored between
Rumania and Germany.

These railway lines pass through
Polish territory now in Russian
hands. The traffic is very important
for the Reich, as large quantities of
grain and other agricultural products
are normally brought to Germany
along these routes.

The Minister states that the Rus-
sians will not change the gauge of
these lines connecting Rumania to
Germany. Other lines in Polish ter-
ritory taken over by the Russians
will be changed to the wide Russian
gauge.

Many thousands of German rail-
waymen have been sent to Poland.
It is stated that 600 railway bridges
were destroyed during the Polish
campaign.

More Attacks On Turkey

German newspapers continue to
attack Turkey. Thus the "Köln-
ische Zeitung," under the title
"Turkey's Dangerous Policy," makes
an attack on the speech made by
President Inönü before the Turkish
National Assembly recently.

The newspaper writes: "It would
not be surprising if the Soviet Union
were to feel very doubtful about the
assurances of friendship made by
President Inönü. Such assurances
do not fit in with the aggressive
policy of Turkey, even though this
aggressiveness is so far only of a
diplomatic character, against Russia,
Germany, and Italy."

Marshal Goering's "National Zeit-
ung" discovers that "Turkey's at-
titude prevents the formation of a
neutral bloc of nations in South-
eastern Europe."

NETHERLANDS LIFT BAN

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—
The Netherlands military authorities
have lifted the ban on the use of tele-
phones in the areas proclaimed some-
time ago to be in "state of siege."

Only Dutch, English, French and
German languages, however, may be
used in conversations over the tele-
phone.



THESE TROOPS, seen before
leaving for active service, were in
good spirits, as evidenced by the
characteristic comments in chalk.

LATE NEWS

LEAGUE SANCTIONS?

Britain May Support Steps Against Reds

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The
"Daily Telegraph" diplomatic corres-
pondent understands that Britain will
support proposals expected to be
made in Geneva that sanctions be im-
posed against Russia.

Finland has not invoked the article
calling for sanctions, but it is anti-
cipating that the League itself will
decide to discuss the position under
Article 16 which, while imposing
sanctions, leaves action to the discre-
tion of individual members.

The member says that it is not
apparently the intention of Britain to
call for the expulsion of Russia from
the League, but she would support
such a proposal if advanced.

There seems to be little doubt that
Latin-American members will strong-
ly press for Russian expulsion.

Finland's appeal will be considered
by the Committee of the Full Assem-
bly on Tuesday at which a draft re-
solution will affirm that Russia's
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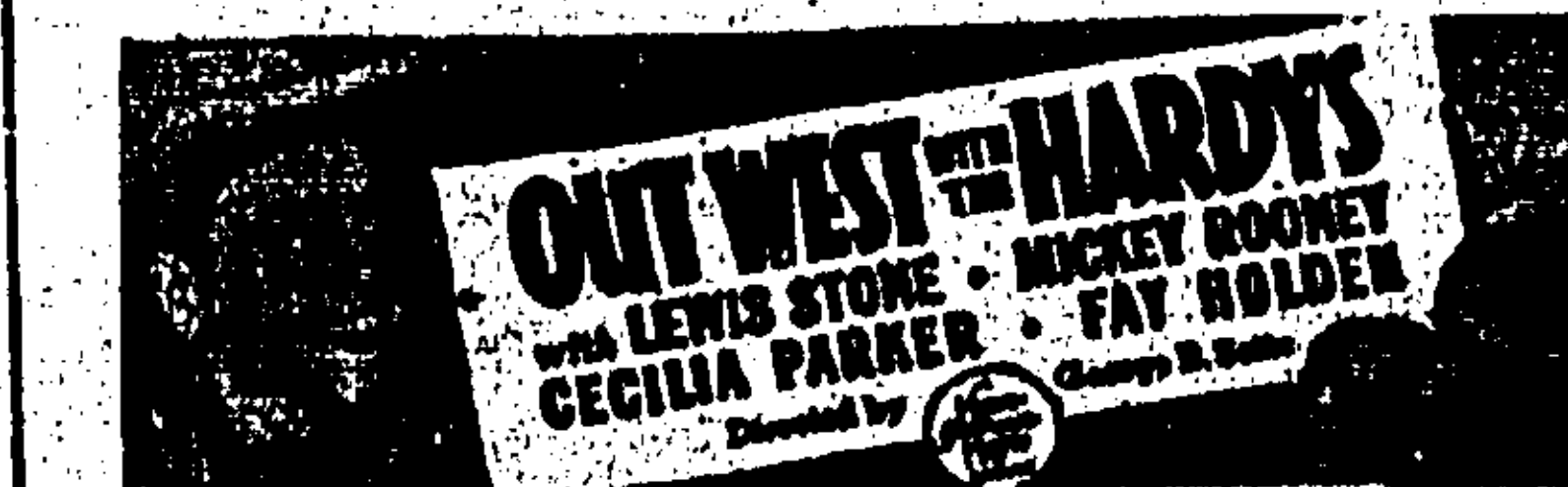
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MOMENTOUS MEETING OF FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL BEGINS IN ITALIAN CAPITAL Mussolini To Take Grave Decision

FASCISTS SAID READY TO MEET NEW MENACE

By REYNOLDS PACKARD

"United Press" Staff Correspondent
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, DEC. 8 (UP).—THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL CONVENED AT THE PALACE OF VENICE AT TEN O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI PRESIDED.

Twenty-four Black Shirt leaders who are attending the meeting will, it is believed, decide the gravest issue which Italy has faced since Signor Mussolini came to power.

Their decision will have weighty consequences, not only for Italy, but for the rest of the world—for Great Britain, France, Germany, Finland, Russia and particularly for the group of small Balkan countries who are believed to be trembling beneath the threats of Soviet expansion.

Communiqués issued after the meeting concludes are not likely to mention the momentous decisions which will be taken by the Council.

But the decisions will soon be revealed by new orientations of Italian foreign policy.

Fight for Allies

There are increasing indications that Italy is not so much worried at the fact that she may have to fight for her allies in the Balkans, and particularly for Hungary, as at the possibility that she may not be in a position to do so.

Italian troops, to aid Hungary, would have to pass through Yugo-Slavia. It is doubtful whether Yugo-Slavia would permit this.

The same conditions exist regarding Bulgaria and Rumania, unless Turkey, who would presumably also be at war, would permit the passage of Italian forces through the narrow straits of the Dardanelles.

Italian aid to Rumania, it is believed, will be contingent upon an amicable settlement of revisionist claims by Hungary and Bulgaria—claims that Italy has supported ever since the Great War.

At the present juncture, the Fascist policy veers towards the Allies at least vis-a-vis Soviet Russia.

But the Council meeting will also discuss Italian interests as they are affected by the Anglo-French blockade of Germany.

Aside from considerations of any friendship or alliance with Germany, the blockade chafes Italy extremely because of its technique.

It has forcibly brought home to Italy the realization that, as long as Britain holds the Suez and Gibraltar, Britain can keep Italy a prisoner in the Mediterranean.

Envoy Sees C-in-C.

In this connection, some importance is attached to the fact that the British Ambassador to Rome, Sir Percy Lorraine, will visit Malta on Friday to confer with the Commander-in-Chief of Britain's powerful Mediterranean Squadron.

It is reliably reported that Sir Percy is taking with him a list of Italy's complaints against the ramifications of the blockade.

Some quarters suggest that the Ambassador is working to have some exemptions made for Italy in order to prevent any strain on Anglo-Italian relations.

Rifle Shot Brings Down Red Plane

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Finland to-day honours the Finnish rifleman who brought down a Soviet plane with one shot.

The rifleman drew a careful bead on the aircraft's petrol tank, and fired one shot which pierced the tank. Down came the plane just outside Helsingfors.



Italy's Relationship to the Balkans, where the latest Russian threat has become evident.

Attempt To Cut Off Aid To Finns

REDS ANNOUNCE NAVAL BLOCKADE

WHAT IS A BLOCKADE?

It is a recognised rule of International Law that blockades to be binding, must be effective, and must be maintained by a force sufficient really to prevent access to the coast of an enemy. The Allies blockaded the Central Powers in 1914-18, and Britain and France have declared a blockade of Germany in the current war.

Japan has declared a blockade of China, but International jurists believe that this is an unlawful blockade, since, in fiction, the two countries are not at war. France endeavoured to obtain Belligerent Rights during the Spanish Civil War, in order to blockade the Loyalists.

The British manual of naval law sums up a blockade as follows: "If the blockading force abandons its position, unless the abandonment be merely temporary or caused by stress of weather, or if it is driven away by the enemy, or if it is partial or unable to carry out its duties, a blockade is ineffective."

The declaration of a blockade is a solemn undertaking, and must be made only by the Sovereign or Ruler of a nation to the Sovereign or Ruler of a third Power. If a blockade is recognised, third Power ships are liable to seizure when they attempt to run the gauntlet.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 8 (UP).—Soviet Russia is to institute a blockade of Finland.

Notification of this decision has been issued in Moscow. The first revelation that it has been made to foreign Powers comes from the Danish Minister.

The blockade will become effective at noon on Friday.

Third Power vessels will be permitted to leave the blockade area up to noon on Saturday, after which Finnish waters will be declared dangerous to all shipping.

It is not known whether the blockade applies to the entire Finnish coast, but this does not appear possible, as, under International Law, a belligerent can announce the imposition of a blockade unless it has power to enforce it.

In the case of Finland, the Russian Navy does not control the Bothnian Gulf, which separates Finland from Sweden, and across which ships can travel unhampered.

Soviet Blockades Finland

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Soviet Navy declared that the blockade of the Finnish coast is becoming effective at noon to-day.

Unhappy Estonian

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Dec. 7 (UP).—General Laidoner, Commander-in-Chief of the Estonian Army, arrived in Moscow at 10.10 a.m. to-day on a "courtesy" visit.

He was welcomed by high Red Army officials.

WESTERN FRONT

GUNS ROAR IN VOSGES

Germans Commence Major Offensive

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 7 (Domei).—

Field despatches state that, bringing to an end the long-standing quiet, German forces to-day started unprecedented brisk attacks along the entire western front.

Germans forces began severe attacks on the French advance positions at 60 points on the 40-mile front in the Moselle area at dawn on Wednesday.

The most embittered German attack was at the foot of the Vosges Mountains.

A day-long attack was launched by the German forces.

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MYSTERY LOSS IN BLACK SEA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Dec. 7 (UP).—

Considerable mystery surrounds the sinking of the Rumanian steamer Sandu (2,000-tons), which has been lost in the Black Sea.

The Sandu was en route to Halpa from Constantza with a heavy load of grain.

Only four members of the crew were saved. The rest, including the captain, are feared drowned.

There has been no severe storm in the region where the ship was lost, and it is not believed that the Black Sea has been mined.

SOVIET AIRMEN MUTINY

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).

Reports reaching Helsingfors from Tallinn, the Estonian Baltic port, state that Soviet army officials and the German navy executed 51 Soviet pilots on charges of sabotage.

The aviators refused to renew aerial attacks on Finnish towns.

Finland Seen As World Battleground

ENEMIES MAY BECOME "ALLIES"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 8 (UP).—The material resources of a League of Nations are being despatched to the aid of plucky little Finland.

Britain is the latest country to join in the fight against the Red menace.

Through Britain, the British Empire is also rallying to the cause of the tiny Republic.

Italy, Germany, Yugo-Slavia, Hungary and Sweden are openly providing arms and ammunition.

Chile and France are expected to join the anti-Red bloc, who will fight the Russians without any declaration of war.

Thus, the amazing position has arisen that France and England are fighting Germany on the western front, while in the east they appear to be fast becoming allies in the common cause of resisting the Bolshevik penetration westwards.

As a result of this latest development, Finland's resistance is now expected to last many months, even if there is no active belligerency between Russia and any of the Powers now assisting the Republic.

Until this aid was forthcoming, it was not believed possible that the Finns, with their comparatively minute army, could last for more than two or three weeks.

Open Italian Aid

Finland's resistance will undoubtedly be strengthened materially if, as is now generally anticipated, Italy will adopt the attitude she adopted in the Spanish Civil War.

Finland, in fact, may become a second Spain, with interested nations fighting Bolshevism on her soil.

Italy, it is believed in many quarters, will give Finland extensive support with men as well as materials.

Italian planes, it is reported, are already in Finland. Diplomatic quarters believe that there is far more genuine enthusiasm and desire to help the Finns among the Italian people to-day than was observed during the Spanish Civil War, when Il Duce sent his army and troops to fight the Socialists.

Sweden's Aid

Short of actual military forces, Sweden is already supplying every possible form of assistance to Finland. In addition to pouring materials across the frontier along the Bothnia coast railway, Sweden has mined the entrance to the Gulf, thus effectively preventing Russian warships from severing this vital route, along which materials from other nations must also pass.

Germany, in addition to supplying Finland with munitions, has permitted the passage of Italian war materiel through German territory by German railways. It is not certain, however, how long this form of aid will continue.

British Planes

British firms have arranged to send Finland twenty—some sources say thirty—airplanes. Some of these are believed to be already en route.

Many British-built warplanes are already in service in the Finnish Air Force. They include Blenheims and Bristol—high-speed bombers which the Royal Air Force is using at present against Germany.

Other machines supplied to the Finnish Air Force include Hawker and Hart reconnaissance machines, Hawker Fury fighters.

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THOUSANDS SACRIFICED

Reds Batter Against Mannerheim Line

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Thousands of men were sacrificed by the Red Army yesterday morning in a desperate attack on the Mannerheim Line.

It is now admitted, however, that as the result of the violent attack, the Soviets have gained a footing in the Mannerheim defence system.

Thrilling accounts of the battle are coming through.

Wave upon wave of Russian infantry, led by tanks, hurled themselves against the Finnish defences for 15 hours, and a terrible toll was taken by machine-gun fire.

One machine-gun nest, concealed in a village on the edge of the Mannerheim Line, held up a Soviet brigade for more than four hours, the village streets being strewn with Russian dead.

"Redskin" Fighting In North Finland

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—According to a Norwegian correspondent in Finland, the fighting in the northern part of the country is the "old-fashioned Redskin fighting."

The Finns are ambushing the Russians in thick woods and taking a great toll with long knives in the hand-to-hand fighting.

Dauntless in this area is only some five hours long, which imposes severe restrictions on the use of heavy artillery and planes by the Russians.

Snow Handicaps Tanks

Heavy falls of snow are also robbing the Russians of advantages in field tanks.

The Russians claim to have advanced 30 miles south of Petsamo, but in the past 24 hours they do not seem to have advanced an inch.

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LATEST

Another Kremlin "Step Forward"

ROME, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—Italian political circles regard the Soviet agitation for a Pact of Mutual Assistance between Russia and Rumania as preparation for another "step forward" by the Kremlin.

Turkey's Purchases

ISTANBUL, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The purchase of armaments and war materials of the most modern type from the Allies is announced by General Orbay, leader of the Turkish Military Mission, which has just returned from London and Paris.

General Orbay said that the mission had brought back excellent results. Allied statesmen, he emphasised, had expressed the warmest admiration and confidence in the Turkish Army.

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SCANDINAVIANS SEEK PEACE IN FINLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, Dec. 7 (UP).—It is officially stated that the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries agreed to do their utmost in an attempt to negotiate peace between Russia and Finland through the machinery of the League of Nations.

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Churchill's Good Press

Commons Statement Warmly Welcomed

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, received a good Press in connection with his statement in the House of Commons on the progress of the war at sea.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that he did not attempt to gloss over the realities. He said quite frankly that losses must be expected, and even occasional disasters.

That was better than concealing the truth.

Confidence Well Founded

Mr. Churchill showed that he was confident of the ultimate issues of the war and that there were good grounds for his confidence.

The British people could be trusted with the truth.

The "Manchester Guardian" commenting on Lord Halifax's statement on Tuesday, says that he had recalled certain essential facts which were sometimes obscured by slovenly thought.

The main one was that war would end when the German Government accepts the Allies' fundamental grounds for peace, and that it was a Government whose word could be accepted.

There was no such evidence at present.

An Ultimate Hope

Lord Halifax hopes, continues the paper, that the present co-operation with France might later bring about wider economic relations in Europe. This is a conviction which is gaining ground in Britain. The "News Chronicle" announces that a survey shows that two out of every three people in Britain now have access to some form of air-raid shelter.

BAN ON COTTON OPTIONS

BOMBAY, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—The Governor of Bombay, according to an official announcement, intends in the next day or two to make an act declaring void options in cotton along the lines of the Ordinance issued on September 22.

The Ordinance prohibited option business in cotton in view of the violent fluctuations in prices.

Under-Secretary For Air Back

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Captain Harold Baftour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, arrived back in England to-day with the Australian Air Minister.

He had down from Canada, and said he was anxious at the united determination of Canada to play a full part in the war.

Many Americans are coming forward and offering themselves for service with Canada, he had been told.

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"Captain Foster's" Review

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single backed pony with 2,814 tickets for a win and next in order comes Rose Emily, who was supported to the tune of 2,773 chances in the St. Andrew's Stakes last Saturday. The latter was a record for an extra meeting, eclipsing Heatie View's (who was second in the Beaufort Handicap on June 3, 1939) figure of 2,739 for a win by 34 tickets.

ST. ANDREW'S STAKES

SELDOM has the betting public been given the opportunity to see an even field of good runners over a long distance, and there was no doubt that the St. Andrew's Stakes last Saturday was the best event of the meet. The only absentee was Blue Express, who was under a cloud, and it is to be regretted that Mr. E. A. stable has not lately been favoured with much sunshine.

However, the first to break through was New Star pursued by Jobber, Lilliber, Heatie View and the rest following in the rear. That position was maintained until the pack came into the straight and, passing the judge's box for the first time, Heatie View was in the front row followed by Jobber, Galaxy, Lilliber, Rose Emily and others hanging in the rear. One thing I noticed as the New Star was under pressure, but Lilliber was pulling to beat the band. Instead of taking the mare right out to the front, Mr. Sung, the jockey, was quite satisfied to stay behind and when the time came for a final burst of speed, Lilliber was too exhausted and that was the end of the race. At the bottom of the hill Heatie View appeared to be cracking up and Galaxy took up the running about three furlongs from home. He was immediately chased by Rose Emily, Red Feather and Moonlight View.

At the distance post Rose Emily had enough of the running, but Galaxy was going strong. A strong challenge was then issued by Red Feather and Moonlight View, but Galaxy answered the jockey's call in a most remarkable manner and the combine went ahead to win by one and a half lengths in three minutes flat for one and a half miles.

ANOTHER NAZI LIE (ABOUT HONGKONG) IS EXPOSED



HOW NAZI PROPAGANDA WORKS.—This photograph, appearing in the JB Illustrierter Beobachter, purports to show a Chinese coolie smoking an opium pipe in Wyndham Street, Hongkong. A literal translation of the caption—

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is as follows: "THIS IS THE WAY IN WHICH NATIONS ARE BEING POISONED.—An example of the mess in England's colonies: Chinese coolie smoking opium openly in a Hongkong street."

THE PIPE, OF COURSE, IS AN ORDINARY CHINESE TOBACCO PIPE AND IS USED FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. Thousands of coolies use them openly in the streets, just as Germans use their Meerschaums, if—like the Chinese coolie in Hongkong—they can get tobacco now in Germany.

Wedding Rings To Aid Finns

Spontaneous Gesture At Stockholm Meeting

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A meeting at Stockholm was attended by 6,000 people.

M. Erikko, the former Finnish Foreign Minister, was cheered to the echo.

When an appeal for funds to help Finland was made, even wedding rings were thrown into the collection boxes.

The crowds at the railway station cheered M. Sandler as he left for Oslo to attend the conference of Scandinavian Ministers who are to discuss Russia's invasion of Finland.

KING, PRESIDENT MEET IN FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—An historic encounter took place in the French provincial town behind the lines to-day when the heads of the British Empire and France clasped

U.S. Economy Urged

'Pump Priming' Not Remedy For Ills

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (UP).—The governing Finance Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers in their report state that Federal "pump priming" has not remedied the nation's ills and that it must be replaced by governmental economy if taxation obstacles to private industry are to be reduced.

The report said that interest charges on the Federal Debt this fiscal year are 43 per cent, greater than the entire annual cost of running the Government before the World War.

His Majesty King George VI entertained President Lebrun and M. Daladier at a lunch at which Viscount Gort, the Duke of Gloucester and other high French and British officers were present.

Cordial toasts were exchanged, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the D.E.F.

Why News Is Hard To Get

Secrecy Of The Three Services

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Sir Walter Monckton is not resigning his post as Director-General of Press Censorship, said the Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, in the House of Commons to-day.

The Home Secretary was questioned with regard to recent newspaper reports claiming the existence of a divergence of views between Sir Walter and the Service departments, which had objected to the publication of news later held to be prejudicial to national interest.

The Home Secretary added that certain difficulties in that connection were now being discussed between him, Sir Walter and the Service departments.

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—An official communiqué states that Mr. Winston Churchill has returned to London after a brief visit to North England.

HITLER WAS DOOMED BY RIBBENTROP

By MADAME TABOUIS

ALL FRANCE NOW FEELS THAT HITLER IS AT BAY. THIS FEELING HAS BEEN GROWING EVER SINCE THE FAILURE OF RIBBENTROP'S SECOND VISIT TO MOSCOW.

It is realised that Hitler will be beaten because he has virtually no military reserves to set against those of the Allies.

And even had Ribbentrop been able to obtain for his master a military alliance with Russia, Hitler would still have faced eventual defeat. But he could then at least have attempted—with some chance of temporary success—a large-scale offensive in the West.

Ribbentrop's failure is chiefly responsible for the optimism that is spreading like wildfire throughout France, from the humblest farm-house, the usually sceptical bourgeois circles, to the always anxious financiers, and, amazingly enough, to Parliament.

Before Ribbentrop's last visit to Moscow, French political observers were almost certain that the Soviet would not give the Reich military support against the democracies.

This they gathered from repeated visits which the Russian Ambassador made to the Quai d'Orsay.

But proof of the Soviet's attitude was not obtained till the Russo-German conversation in the Kremlin on the night of September 27. Extraordinary precautions were taken that night to guard the ancient citadel of the Czar.

5-Hour Monologue. Captain Pletoukoff, of the OGPU, was in charge of arrangements. Searchlights swept the sky incessantly.

Ribbentrop, accompanied by Count von Schulenburg, German Ambassador, arrived at 10 o'clock to begin the heavy task with which he had been charged. The "conversation" consisted mainly of a monologue by Ribbentrop lasting nearly five hours, in the course of which he coldly and severely criticised the Soviet Government for several infringements of agreements reached during his first visit.

Ribbentrop pointed out that Stalin had promised the Führer he would use only 25 Red divisions for the occupation of Poland, but the German forces had been faced by 104, as well as by 18 of the best armoured divisions in all Russia.

He pointed out also that the Soviet occupied much more territory than had been agreed upon, and without previous notice. Then he handed Stalin and Molotov a voluminous bundle of memoranda and decrees which the Führer wished them to sign.

Ribbentrop's Arguments. The documents included agreements renewing those previously concluded and new agreements for future industrial collaboration between the two countries, also numerous texts, all tending tacitly to make the Soviet consider himself more or less automatically bound to the Reich against the democracies in case these refused the peace offer.

Ribbentrop pointed out that one of the war aims of the democracies was the reconstruction of Poland—was just as much a menace to Russia as to the Reich, and therefore the Kremlin was just as interested as the Wilhelmstrasse in crushing the democracies and ending the war as soon as possible.

Proposals Rejected. Stalin and Molotov presented the Russian case the next day. They refused, first, to enter the Hitler's plan to have peace negotiations started by the Russian ambassadors in Paris and London.

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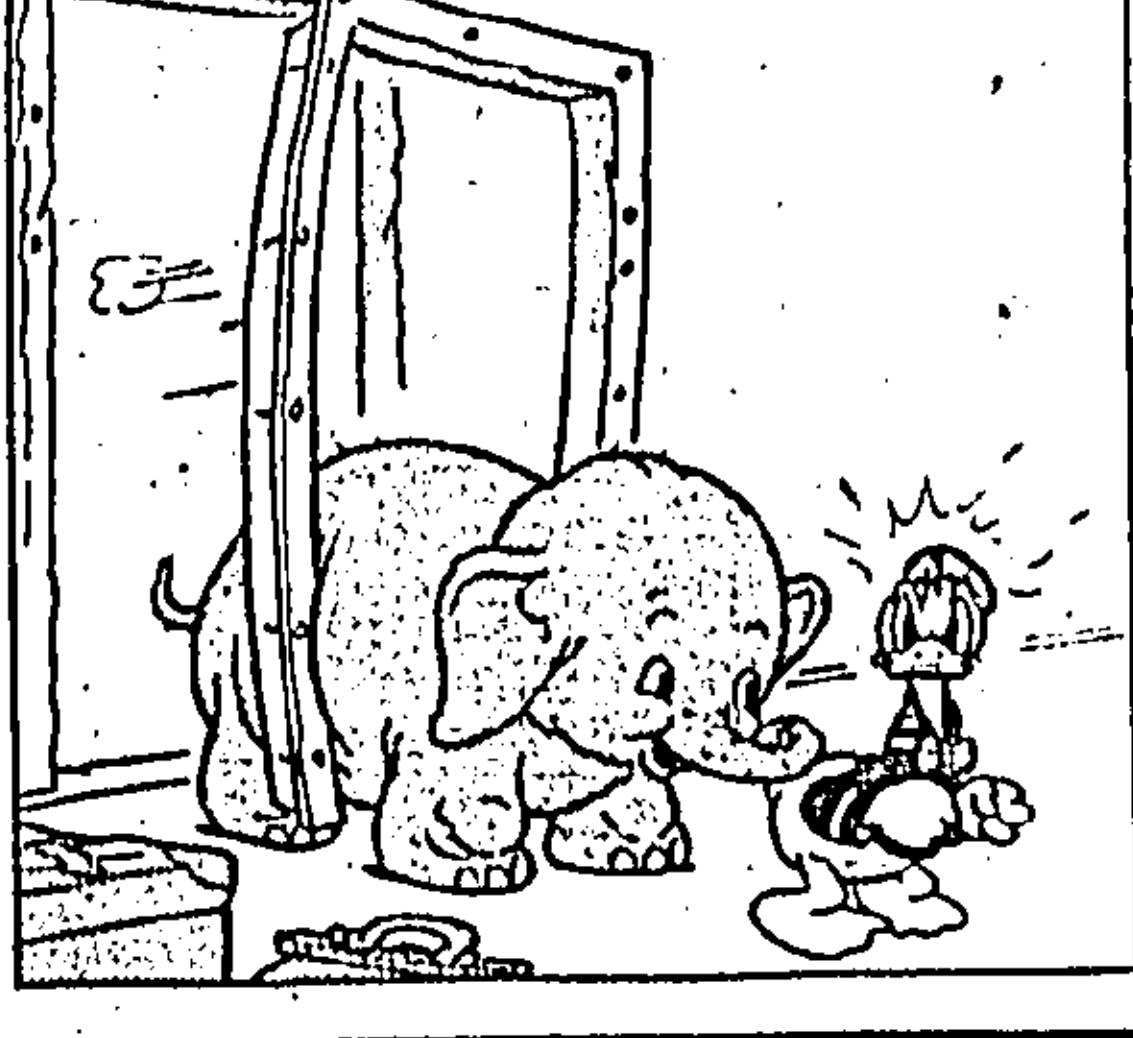
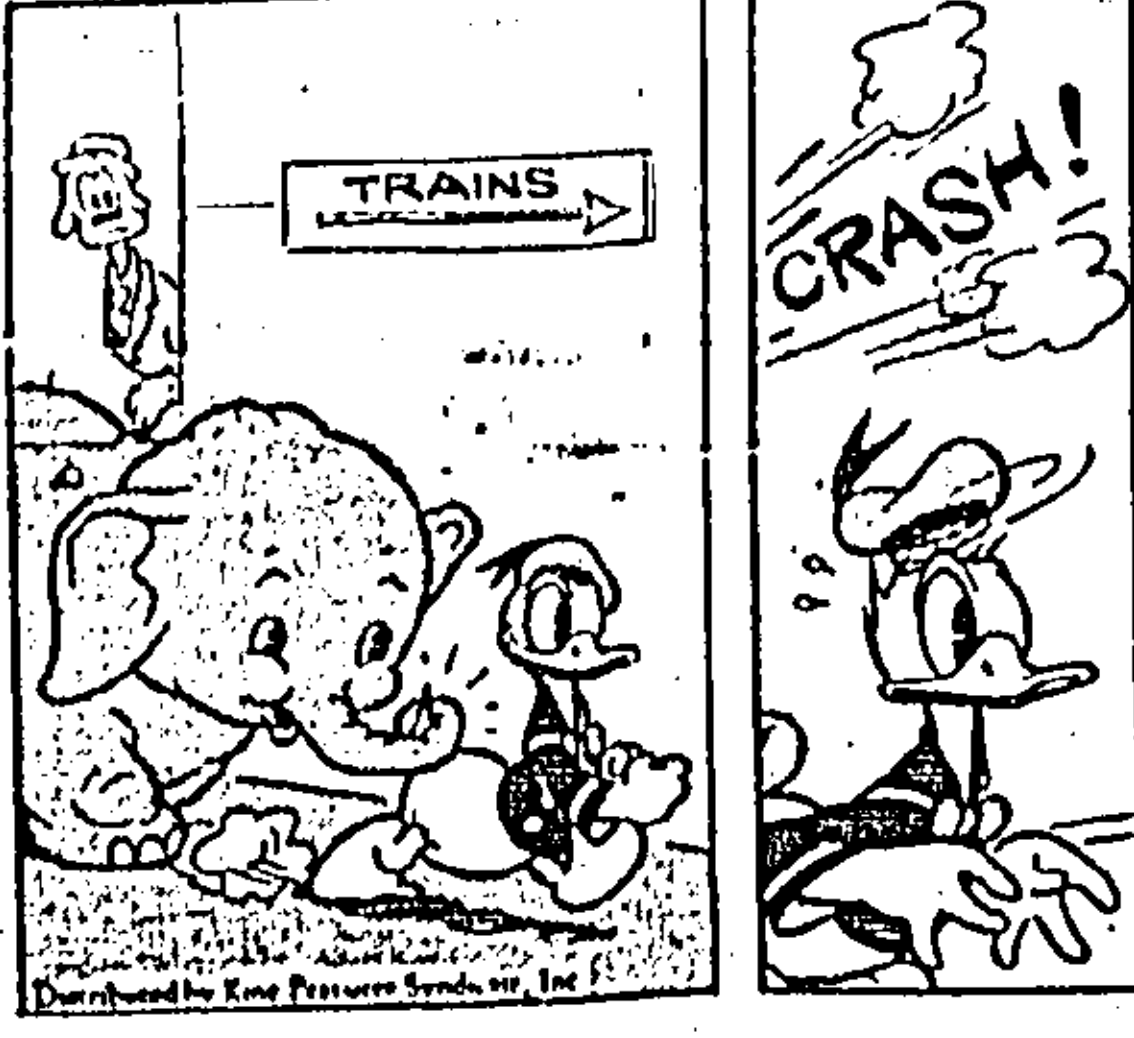
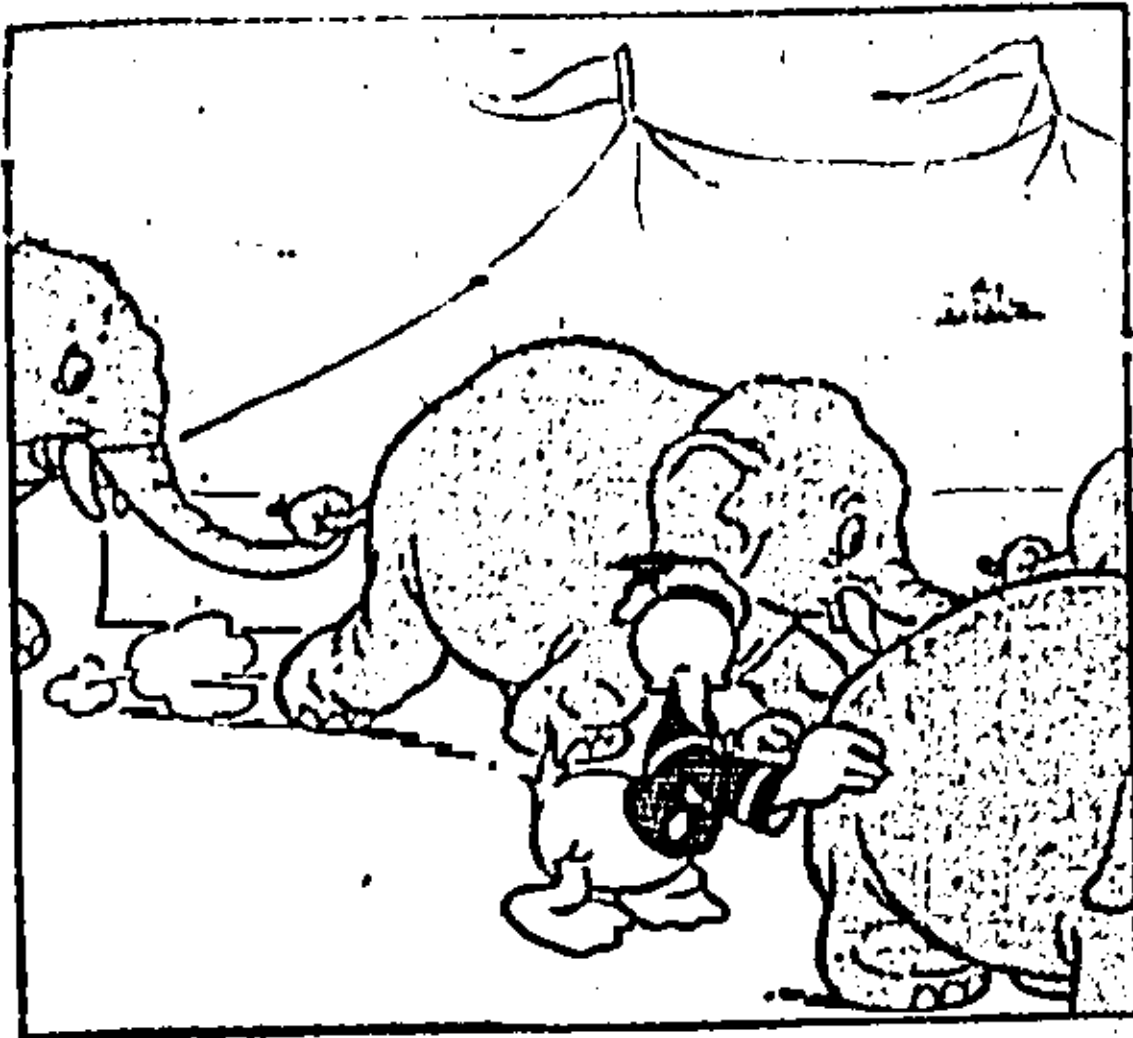
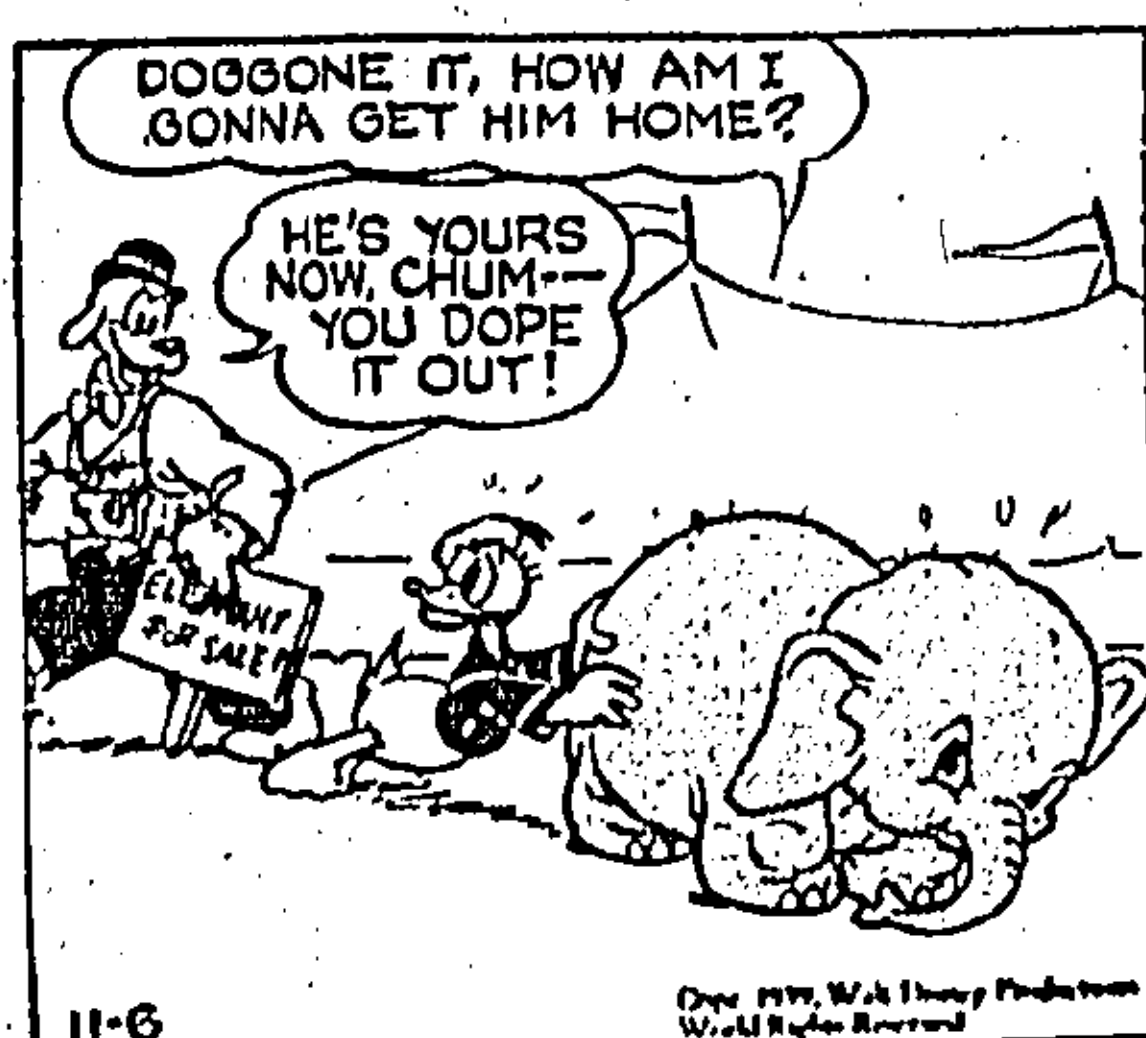
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AID FOR NEUTRALS

Vessels Chartered And Protected

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—It is officially confirmed in London to-day, with reference to the statement made in the House of Commons by the First Lord of the Admiralty yesterday regarding the British chartering of neutral vessels, that the Ministry of Shipping has already arranged employment for several millions of neutral tonnage.

Such action is advantageous to neutral ship-owners in that the British Government takes over the liability of war risks, profits are guaranteed and not speculative, and the vessels chartered are conducted from port to port by the effective convoy system of the Royal Navy.

Safer in Convoys

The experience of recent weeks suggests that the British ships proceeding in convoys are safer from indiscriminate German attacks than neutral vessels travelling unaccompanied on normal commercial business.

Neutral ships are finding employment in British trades on the same footing as British ships in respect of bunkers, repairs and other facilities, which mean so much to ship-owners even in peace time, and which become increasingly important in war.

It is thus clear that the system of chartering neutral tonnage by Great Britain operates to the mutual advantage of both parties, states this special commentary.

Home Consumers Must Go Without PLAIN LANGUAGE BY MR. HUDSON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The House of Commons to-day agreed on the reply to the King's address, after rejecting by 225 votes to 31, a Liberal amendment asserting that the Government is not taking adequate measures to develop export trade.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, replying in the debate, declared that the war was going to be a "Cash and Carry" one.

The requirements of the Services and the civilian industry and of raw materials were infinitely greater than ever before, and the Services had to realise that if they wanted a continuance of supplies we should have to export and pay for them.

Public Must Realise

The public also would have to realise that there was bound to be shortages of some articles.

The issue of the war depended on whether we could organise our economy together with what we could draw from overseas better than the Germans, and also which industrial organisation was going to stand the strain best.

We had got to husband our resources. He thought that they had got to tell the public in the last resort that the manufacturers would have to turn over to exports and home consumers would have to do the best they could.

"We have got to realise that we are fighting for our lives," said Mr. Hudson.

It was perfectly certain that unless we continued to export, we would certainly not survive.

British Blockade

America Reserves Her Rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—It is learned that the United States has reserved all rights under International Law in connection with Britain's order to stop German exports being made through neutral countries.

It is understood that the reservation was communicated to Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, for transmission to London.

Based On Two Points

It is said to be strictly "not in the nature of an open protest" and is based on two points:

1.—Question of principle under international law (In the World War, the United States, as long as she was neutral, refused to accept the British blockade of Germany).

2.—The United States really needs some of the articles she had once purchased from Germany, including fine percussion instruments.

It is understood that Britain is willing to make a concession on such essentials to permit them being sent from Germany.

RETURN TO FIGHT FOR COUNTRY

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A total of 230 Finnish-Americans, many of whom had never seen Finland, arrived here to-day to join the Finnish army as volunteers.

They left New York early last month when it became apparent that the Russians were eager to pick a quarrel.

News of the Soviet invasion of Finland reached the contingent while they were at sea.

WESTERN FRONT: "A QUIET DAY"

PARIS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states:

"Quiet day on the whole. Patrols on either side. Infantry along the Rhine."

Where Russians May Try To Effect New Landing



The latest Russian threat to Finland is in the Gulf of Finland, where new landings may be attempted.

Finns Hold Red Attacks on Land

NAVAL INVASION THOUGHT NEAR

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 8 (UP).—Held up on the Petsamo front by Arctic conditions, and in the central and southern sectors by the Mannerheim Line, the Reds are now believed to be preparing for a new thrust from the sea in the Gulf of Finland, Finnish naval circles believe.

Bad weather is hampering all operations elsewhere in Finland.

The Red Army has not been able to crack the Mannerheim Line, despite Moscow Radio claims to the contrary.

At many points the Reds are still five to ten kilometres from the line, which has at no point been denied. Attention is drawn to the fact that the Mannerheim Line consists of many fortified positions, extending deeply into Finnish territory. It would therefore be impossible to penetrate the line at any given point with a single thrust.

The Finns claim to be in occupation of all towns five kilometres in front of the advance posts of the line, and are also contesting strongly for control of the Arctic coast.

Poison Gas Charge
The Finnish Legation in London issued a statement denying that the Finns are attempting to bomb Leningrad from the air.

The Finns, however, officially charge that the Red Army is using poison gas shells on the eastern front.

Despite the use of gas, Finnish troops are holding their positions. Eleven Finnish soldiers have been poisoned north of Lake Ladoga.

A report from Bergen states that despatches from the frontier indicate that there is very little fighting in the Petsamo area, where the opponents are busily consolidating their positions in bitterly cold weather.

Copenhagen reports from Haparanda, on the Swedish-Finnish frontier, claim that 5,000 Red troops have been decimated in a surprise attack by the Finns in the eastern section of Uleaborg Province.

"Although this report cannot be officially confirmed, the source is one close to the Finnish General Staff, and we have been assured that the major Red offensive in this sector has resulted in unfavourable consequences for the Soviet forces."

Air Activity Stopped
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Heavy mists have again prevented air activity on either side in Finland.

The recent flights of Soviet planes in Finnish territory are believed to have been undertaken to explore the possibilities of landing troops by parachute.

The Finns are not dismayed, for a network of watchers with rifles loaded stands ready day and night to deal with parachutists, and the anti-aircraft batteries have already proved effective against Russian planes.

Russian warships are reported to be searching for Finnish warships off the coast of Sweden.

Fierce Battle
Telegrams from Haparanda report a fierce battle (described to be the bloodiest which has yet occurred) in the vicinity of Petsamo.

It is estimated that 7,000 Russians were in the field when the battle was begun.

They have already lost 2,000. The Finns are stated to be fighting with cold, methodical fury.

According to the "Aften Bladet," the Soviet steam-roller movement on the Karelian Isthmus is apparently checked and may even be stuck.

Komisarv Engagement
It is reported from Helsinki that the Soviet forces are being repulsed. PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

FINLAND'S APPEAL Can't Hold Off Reds Forever

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A desperate appeal to the world for help was issued by a Foreign Office spokesman in an interview with "Reuter."

He said that every Finnish citizen was asking what the world was going to do about Finland.

Sympathy comes from all quarters, but they must have more than sympathy. A small land of 3,000,000 cannot be expected forever to hold Russia with 180,000,000.

Lip-Service Insufficient
If someone does not come to Finland's aid, she is finished and will suffer the same fate as Poland, or even worse.

What Sweden, Norway and Denmark are doing is lip-service. "It is insufficient," the spokesman said.

Arms and men must be given and given soon.

The defeat of Finland will mean far more for Britain, France and the world than the defeat of Poland.

Warning To Germany
Germany should stop to think. Russia may now be an ally but what chance will Germany have even if she should succeed against Britain and France?

Labour Indignation
LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—"Profound horror and indignation" at the Soviet attack on Finland is expressed in a statement of the National Council of Labour, which pays tribute to the courage and resolution of the Finnish nation in resisting the aggressor.

Russia Indicted
The statement calls on free nations to give every practical aid to Finland in the struggle to preserve their own institutions of civilisation and democracy.

The statement further declares that the Soviets have violated treaty obligations towards Finland and have sought to secure, by armed force, strategic bases on Finnish territory which would menace the freedom and security of other States round the Baltic Sea.

The Soviets are now apparently seeking forcibly to incorporate Finland within Soviet Russia.

Sovietism Rejected
"Soviet Imperialism has thus revealed itself as using the same methods as the Nazis, against which the British working class is united in the war now raging."

The statement declares that British Labour, in the light of recent events, repudiates utterly the claims of Russia to be the leader of the world's working class movement, interpreter of Socialist principles, and custodian of official channels.

He Wooed Her, Wooed Her & Wooed Her But Hitler's Quost In Turkey Is Futile

ISTANBUL, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Hitler's latest envoy to Turkey, Baron von Lersner, has been hard at work since he arrived four days ago to regain for the Reich the confidence of the Turks, since Herr Franz von Papen's mission is considered to have failed completely, according to dispatches from Ankara.

Baron von Lersner, who describes himself as "representative in Turkey of the German Near East Club," claims that his task consists of bettering Turkish-German cultural, social and economic relations.

No Short Memorials
It is not thought, however, that this new Nazi bid to win over the Turks will have the desired effect, as the Turks are unlikely to forget in a hurry the bitter experiences of the past.

Turkish newspapers yesterday and to-day carried articles violently attacking the Nazi diplomats accredited to Turkey, whom they hold to be directly responsible for the wide distribution, two days ago, of the Turkish translation of "Pravda's" attack on the Turkish Press.

Agreements Signed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—ISTANBUL, Dec. 7 (UP).—The Turkish military mission has returned from London.

It is officially stated that they signed agreements with the Allies for the purchase of war materials, the payment to be made in commodities.

Roma Dealings
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—ROME, Dec. 8 (Domci).—Simultaneous denials were issued to-day by the Italian Government, the British Embassy and the French Embassy of reports that the Allies, in an attempt to win Italy to their side, had offered Italy a lease of Djibouti and two-thirds of the shares in the Suez Canal.

New Trans-Atlantic Clipper Service
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (UP).—Mr. Juan Trippe, President of the Pan-American Airways System to-day announced that the Trans-Atlantic trips will be increased to three times weekly within three months, and that they will run daily except on Sundays as soon as six new Clippers have been delivered.

Planes For Finland
LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Finnish air force has taken delivery of some 50 or 60 Italian planes.

British factories will be sending 30 fighter aircraft to Finland shortly, and also a large quantity of war materials.

Orders for these were placed some time ago, and shipments will be in fulfilment of private contracts, it is emphasised in London.

The British Government has no connection with these shipments.

Crops On Credit For Finns
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt hopes that he will be able to help the Finns by supplying them with surplus crops on credit.

Hungarian Sympathy
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—BUDAPEST, Dec. 7 (UP).—A crowd of 2,000 people, led by members of the Turul Students' Association, sympathetically demonstrated outside the Finnish Legation at 9 o'clock last night.

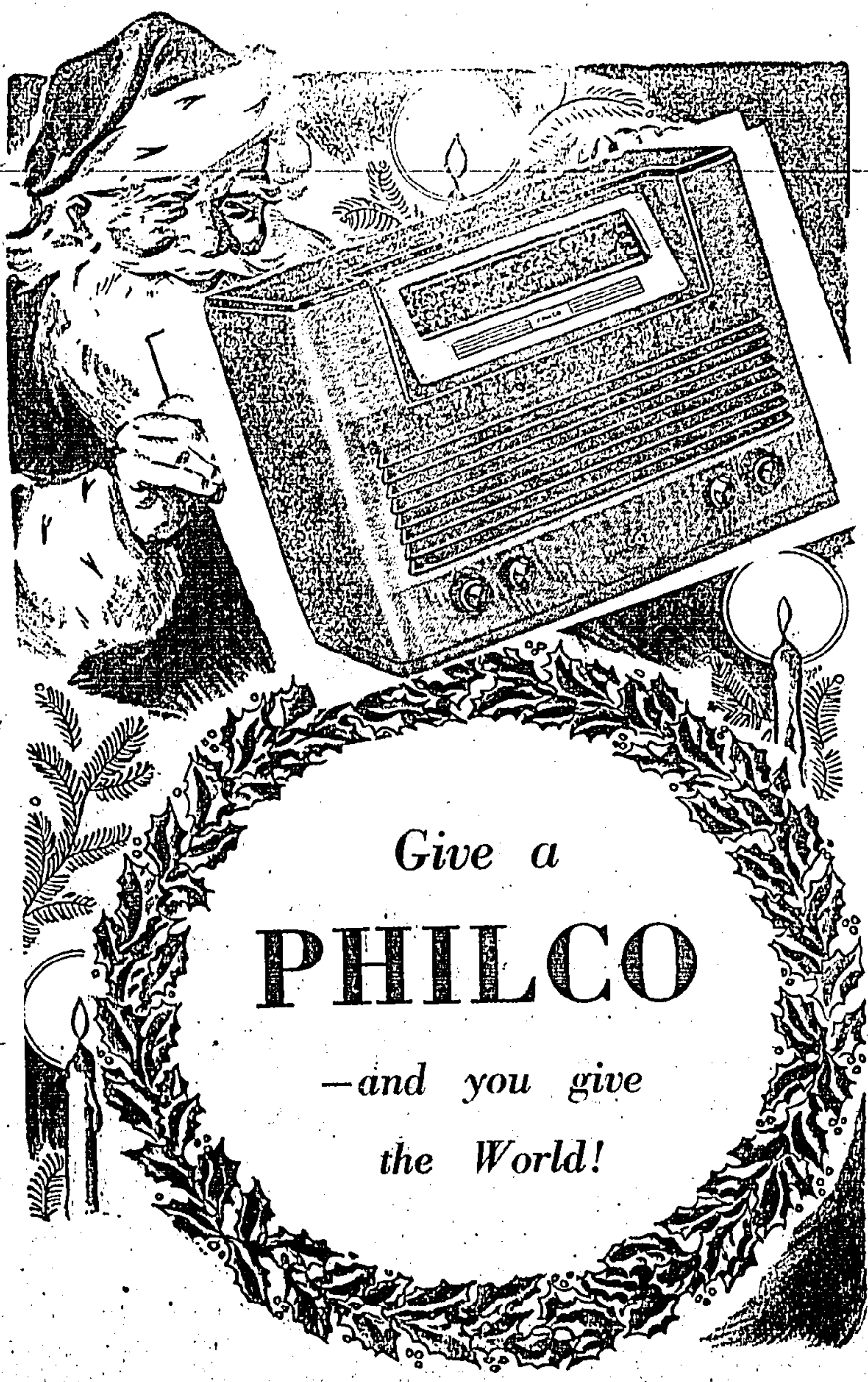
The crowd subsequently marched to the Italian Legation, where they cheered Signor Mussolini.

Anti-Soviet demonstrations followed, without the police attempting to interfere.

No Joint Denunciation
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The proposal for a joint denunciation of Soviet Russia by American states seems likely to be dropped in view of the objections raised by Chile.

A statement issued by the Chilean Embassy in Washington declares that Chile will not take part in any demarche.

There is very full sympathy with Finland, but in accordance with Chile's traditional policy of complete isolation from European affairs, she is unable to justify an expression of view on Russian action through official channels.



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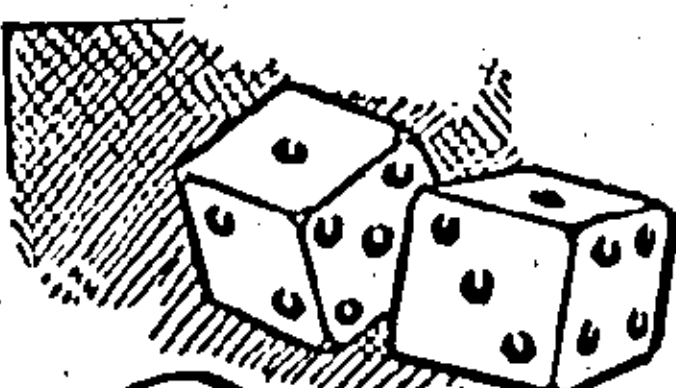
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98th Day of the War Taking Stock

IN his statement on Britain's position at sea, reported in the "Telegraph" yesterday, Mr. Churchill once again cites some solid and reassuring facts.

During the first 14 weeks of war, we have lost 340,000 tons of merchant shipping through U-boat action and mines. In the same period we have captured 280,000 tons from the enemy, leaving a nett loss of only 60,000 tons.

At the height of the submarine campaign in 1917, the gap between sinkings and new constructions reached enormous proportions, and almost throughout the whole course of the war it was very much greater than the present one.

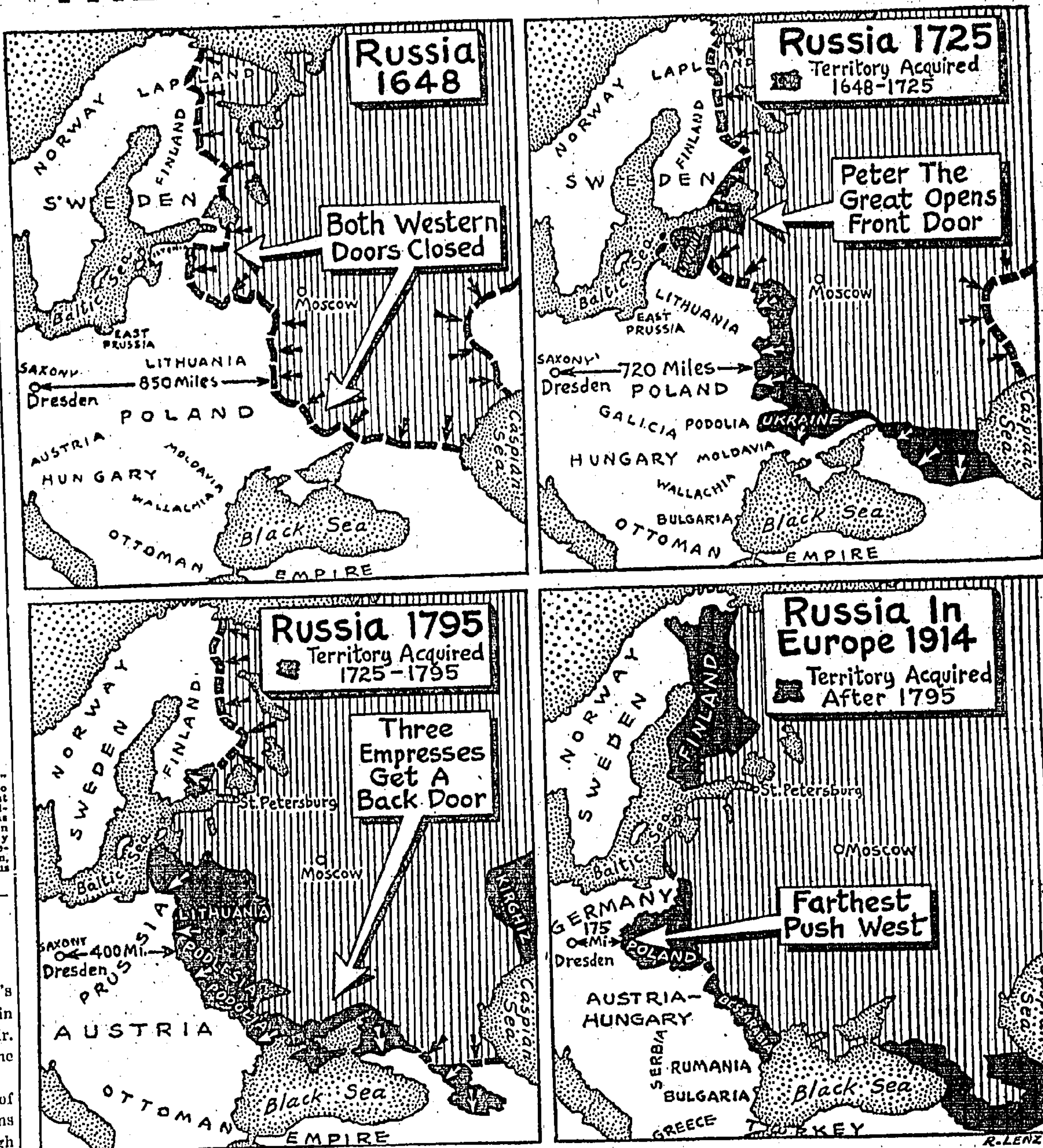
On balance, our nett losses in fourteen weeks of war amount to no more than 60,000 tons. Considering that we have a merchant fleet of 21,000,000 tons, Mr. Churchill is obviously justified in his assertion that our mercantile marine is practically unaffected.

The Nazis can make no such claims for the U-boat position. At least five U-boats have been sunk since the First Lord of the Admiralty made his last report to the House of Commons, a rate of destruction that we never achieved in the last war. Out of 60 U-boats which were ready for action at the beginning of September almost half must now be lost. Such a rate of destruction of submarines and of trained crews cannot be endured for long by Germany.

Unlike past weeks, Britain has not suffered any new losses on the Royal Navy side. The Rawalpindi—an armed auxiliary cruiser—was destroyed after a gallant action last week.

The balance is on our side in every direction—on the seas, in the air, on land and on the economic front.

THE RUSSIAN ROLLER ROLLS



—From the "Christian Science Monitor"—

RUSSIA OPENS FRONT AND BACK DOORS TO THE WEST

The Mother of the Slavs sprawls over a continent, now balancing, now upsetting Europe's delicate balance of power. Her present advance in Europe has been at the invitation of Hitler; but her fundamental interests in the Baltic and the Balkans would seem to clash with those of Germany. How long then can this unnatural alliance continue?

HAS Russia begun a westward push? Is it going to play a role in Europe again?

You yourself must give the answer. It is written where all may read. It is scrawled in gigantic letters across the most titanic land empire that has ever persisted among the nations of men. The sentences are irregular and distorted, as if made by children, or in the dark. But any discerning man can make them out.

They take us back towards the end of the last millennium. They reveal a boundless expanse of level steppes, dreary swamps, trackless forests. All is as formless as a shapeless sea. A current surge through it as bewildered gulf streams: unending waves leap and fall in futile rhythm. They are the tribes of the earth, wandering without compass and without chronicle; wandering whithersoever hunger leads or fear drives, ravaging, devouring, disappearing. A limitless, intricate human ocean—that was Russia.

Then somehow, from somewhere, there appeared a definite type, the Slavs. They spattered as a drop of milk fallen on a stone. In time there were Slavs in the Balkans, Slavs in the Alps, Slavs in the Peloponnesus.

Christianity (989)
Looking farther upon that formless Slavic sea you see a light piercing the gloom. Religion comes to the Russian Slavs (989). From China? No. From India? No. From the West, through Constantinople. It is Christianity. That's a new link with Europe. To the instinctive lie of hunger is added the invisible bond of faith. The Slavs move West.

Duchy Of Moscow (1300)
Imagining them now as clouds covering the sky. They are always in motion. No constant form; no persisting colour. The clouds meet, coalesce, separate, merge again—endlessly. Not There's a dense mass there in the middle. It seems to stay together. It looks like a whole; like an elephant; like a camel. Like all of them, and none of them. But it remains, it does not vanish. It will never vanish.

Ivan The Terrible (1533-84)

The Duchy of Moscow has come into being. Russia has begun. The Slavs have a mother. Mother Russia is on the way to Europe.

Russia moves slowly. She does not travel in a buggy. She has no roads, and must make her way as she goes. So she rides on a "bulldozer," the most formidable of all American excavating machines, a scraper pushed by a crawling tractor that tears out trees, boulders, buildings, as it moves. Russia had a bulldozer 500 years ago. And has constantly been driving it to the West, clumsy, huge, slow, mighty.

Russia had, no shore, no door to the outside world; no port, no way out. Of course, it tried to drive the bulldozer through the woods and swamps to a sea. The "terrible" Ivan was one of the mightiest of drivers. He went in every direction, greatly expanding his empire. He sat as a colossus on his monstrous caterpillar but he couldn't get to a door.

Peter The Great (1682-1725)

However, the bulldozer didn't stop. It constantly gained in power. The Russian nation is the mightiest biological force on earth. It moves as a glacier. Who can stop a glacier?

Peter the Great at last directs it to the sea. He takes the Baltic states. So Russia has a door, a front door. Russia goes to the West, the West comes into Russia. The sea surges through Russia's own portal. A splendid city rises upon it, welcoming Europe to Moscow, directing Moscow to Europe.

The city is St. Petersburg. Over onion-domed, gold-decked churches bells exultantly cry, "Russia has a door!"

The Empresses (1730-96)

But the bulldozer has not stopped. Russia's huge house requires another door, a southern portal—into the Mediterranean. So Russia pushes on. Women are now masters; empresses rule the Russians. But it matters not who holds the wheel. The needs and grivings of the millions guide and impel the tank.

Turkey blocks the way! Turkey had a grand empire when Russia was little more than a Muscovite duchy. It dominated North Africa, much of Asia, and a good deal of Europe while Russia was still wading in its swamps. But Russia needs a door; it won't be stopped. War follows war. Barrier after barrier is raised, and after Russia's aid—all to no avail. The tank goes on and on. It tears out forests, smashes citadels, crushes an empire; crashes to the sea. Russia has a southern door, another road to the West. Russia now has two arms with which to embrace Europe. It is the end of the 18th century.

The Alexanders (1825-81)

But time did not stop with the 18th century. Nor does the Russian tank. The empire extends over nearly one-sixth of the earth's land surface but that is not enough. The machine moves on. It rolls over little Finland (1809), passes over almost the whole of Poland (1815) rolls over the Balkans clear to the outpost of Constantinople (1879), freeing Bulgaria and Rumania, retaining the province of Bessarabia.

That endured until 1917.

Josef Stalin

But time did not end in 1917. The course of Russian history is not doctored. Russian power is not exhausted; the Russian bulldozer not.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Can you play some old fashioned dances—like the Black Bottom?"

Ice Factory's Plant Damaged By Explosions In Canton

CHINA HOSTILITIES AFFECT HONGKONG FIRM DURING 1939

THAT the political situation in Canton still had a detrimental effect upon the trading of the Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was stressed by the chairman, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell at the annual meeting of shareholders this morning.

Much expenditure for repairs and renewals was necessitated by the shaking of machinery and buildings from explosions during the hostilities in Canton, he said.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. D. F. Landale and Mr. Ho Kum-tong, directors.

Chairman's Speech

The chairman said: "The company's position as shown by the accounts before you to-day is, I am pleased to say, more satisfactory than that reported last year. Unfortunately, however, the political situation in Canton still had a detrimental effect upon our trading during the period under review. You will observe that the profit on working account amounts to \$15,710.26 as compared with \$600.02 last year. This increase is due primarily to revenue derived from the storage of dry goods as distinct from our Cold Storage business. Ice sales for the period at 998,007 tons show a slight increase over those for last year. Certain economies have also been effected to bring about the result."

What Explosions Did

In the Profit and Loss Account the charge for repairs and renewals is in excess of the figure charged last year and much of the expenditure under this heading was necessitated by the shaking of the machinery and buildings suffered from nearby explosions during the hostilities in Canton.

Depreciation has been provided on a scale commensurate with that for past years and is considered by your Directors to be sufficient at the figure of \$14,820.82. I trust you will approve.

Your Directors have waived their fees for the year. Referring to the balance sheet I would mention that the addition during the year of \$1,990.82 to Machinery and Ice Stores represents the cost of the foundation for the new oil engine purchased last year and the construction of an ice tank of 4½ tons capacity for emergency use during hostilities, and for economic operation, having regard to our restricted business. The small addition of \$130.00 to furniture and fixtures is for two electric fans. I regret to report that in May last some damage was done to our No. 1 Compressor which is still out of commission. It is not intended meantime to have this repaired until the position in Canton is more settled. Otherwise the plant and machinery is in good condition. Your buildings are in good state of preservation and have been redecorated during the year.

The net result for the year is a loss of \$39.44 which, under the very adverse circumstances, must I think be considered as not un satisfactory.

Action Appreciated

Mr. Dodwell concluded by proposing the adoption of the accounts. "We appreciate the action of the directors in waiving their fees for the year very much," said Mr. G. W. Sewell seconding the adoption of accounts. The accounts were passed unanimously.

Mr. W. L. Alexander proposed that the retiring directors, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. Ho Kum-tong be re-elected. Mr. B. C. Tardiff seconded.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce proposed that the auditors, Messrs. Percy Smith, Smith and Fleming be re-elected. Mr. Ho Kum-tong seconded.

MEANEST THIEF OF ALL

A thief entered St. John's Cathedral sometime between 11 p.m. on Wednesday and 6.45 a.m. on Thursday and stole the contents of five collection boxes.

A report of the theft has been made to the Police by the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of the Cathedral. It is not known how much was stolen from the boxes.

German Soldiers Refuse To Fight DEPRESSION SWEEPS THROUGH REICH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Dec. 7. (UP).—According to reliable private reports from the Helgo-German frontier, a German officer on leave described recently to some of his intimate friends the low morale of the German people.

Depression, he is reported to have said, is increasing throughout the country.

The prisons are filled with soldiers refusing to fight. Others have been imprisoned by the courts for criticising the Nazi regime.

Sometimes the discontent is openly shown among whole battalions, and exemplary punishment has had to be imposed on some soldiers.

According to the same reports, the German soldiers generally disapprove

CHINESE MILITARY SUCCESSES

On Northern And Southern Fronts

Chinese military successes on the northern and southern fronts were reported by "Central News" this morning.

In the south it is stated that three Chinese columns are continuing their counter-drive down the Canton-Hankow Railway in Kwangtung. The bulk of the Japanese forces have fallen back to Kunlun, 25 miles north of Canton, while 2,000 are scattered south-east of Nanchang, 33 miles north of Canton.

A Japanese artillery unit from Samshui heavily shelled Mafong, 17 miles above Samshui, on December 6.

Chinese batteries retaliated, forcing the enemy to withdraw to Samshui.

Chinese In Pursuit

Apart from the Japanese troops at Kaofeng, a strategic pass on the Nanking-Wuning highway, having been repulsed, those advancing on the Nanking-Pingyang highway to as far as Paiton, 30 miles north-east of Nanchang, have also been driven southward.

The Chinese are said to be following in hot pursuit. It is claimed that during the severe fighting at Kaofeng on Monday, which resulted in a Japanese defeat, 600 Japanese were killed and 40 rifles seized.

In the north, it is stated that following a four-day pitched battle, the Japanese attacking in the Chungtung mountain range in South Shansi have suffered a crushing defeat. The Chinese launched a counter-offensive on Wednesday morning. The Japanese forces encountered were beaten back.

Japanese Mass

More than 10,000 Japanese and a large number of aircraft are reported to be massed at Anyi, Yungcheng and Yungling.

Observers believe that the Japanese, despite their recent failures, are preparing for another major offensive in the Chungtung mountain area.

Fighting is now reported to be in progress on the Suiyuan-Chang border, where a Japanese contingent is launching an offensive in meeting with stiff resistance.

JAPANESE SEIZE CHINESE JUNK

Preserved vegetables valued at \$20,000 Chinese currency and a junk valued at \$10,000 were reported to have been taken by a Japanese destroyer near Lin Tin Island, Chinese waters about 3 p.m. on December 6.

This incident was reported to the Hongkong Police by Lam To, 56, steerman of an unlicensed cargo junk. Lam stated that a crew of seven and four passengers were on the junk which carried a cargo of 850 piculs of preserved vegetables.

Japanese destroyer No. 42 went alongside the junk and sent 10 Japanese on board. Members of the junk were ordered to board the destroyer and to row away. The crew and passengers of the junk were taken to Tai O by a passing junk.

Sensational Revelations In N. Y. Axe Murder

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (UP).—New angles on the sensational axe murder of Walter Engleberg, the German Consul in New York, are revealed as the result of investigations by State detectives.

A search of Engleberg's residence has brought to light the fact that he was a "connoisseur" of male nudes. Sixty photographs of nude men were found in various rooms in his house.

The discovery has led to the opinion that Engleberg may have met his death—he was killed by blows from an axe—as a result of "immorality."

It was at first thought that vengeance by a Jew may have been the motive. Engleberg was a disciple of the famous Jew-baiter Streicher.

Masked Men In Armed Robbery

\$700 Haul In N.T.

Twelve masked men, armed with Mauser pistols, robbed two shops in San Tin village, Lokmachau district, New Territories, early this morning, and escaped with a haul of over \$700.

One of the shops entered, the Chai Sang Tong medicine dealers, is connected with Lokmachau police station by telephone, but the robbers cut the wires as soon as they entered. A sum of \$400 and a few pieces of clothing was taken from the premises.

The robbers next entered the Hop Yick Grocery, where they held up the occupants and stole \$300 Hongkong currency and 200 Chinese currency.

It is believed they escaped across the Shumchun River into Chinese territory.

Hungnam Hold-Up

Armed with daggers, three men were this morning reported to have entered the first floor of 55 Matuwei Road, Hungnam district, to commit a robbery.

The incident occurred after 9 a.m., and the inmates of the house were robbed of \$355.

As far as could be ascertained nobody was injured. Around noon, detectives were seen boarding and searching passengers on buses in the Kowloon City area.

AMERICA BERATED

Arms Embargo Against Japan Is Demanded

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Dec. 7. (UP).—Declaring that American policy in the Far East is inspired purely from economic motives, the New York Correspondent of the "Popolo d'Italia" launches a vitriolic attack on the United States for not applying the arms embargo against Japan.

The correspondent claims that of US\$225,000,000 in war materials imported by Japan, \$161,000,000 was supplied by the United States. "In view of the existing tension between the United States and Japan, there seems every reason why the embargo should be applied," the correspondent writes.

"But once again America is the victim of her 'blood-money' policy. Her manufacturers of arms and munitions are unwilling to lose such a profitable client as Japan."

Earlier Daylight Saving In 1940

LONDON, Dec. 7 (British Wire).—The Home Secretary, answering a House of Commons question, said that while he was disposed to favour an earlier introduction of Summer Time next year he thought it unnecessary to decide the exact date so far ahead.

GOVT. SAMPAN STOLEN

A sampan, the property of the Government, was stolen from the foreshore at Kun Tong, near Kowloon Bay, yesterday.

Two Demands For Taxes

British Woman In Incident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7. (UP).—Mrs. M. M. Cohen, a British resident in the extra settlement was visited for the second time in two days by Tatoo tax collectors to-day, who attempted to collect the municipal rates.

The Special Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in the Special City Government had previously issued a statement to the British Consulate saying that British subjects would not be molested.

Mrs. Cohen immediately notified the Municipal Police who arrived in time to speak to the Tatoo police, who denied they had threatened drastic action. They explained they were merely trying to collect taxes.

The same Tatoo police had visited Mrs. Cohen's home on Wednesday when Mrs. Cohen was absent, and it is alleged, threatened the servant with arrest and detention as a hostage if the taxes were not paid.

Two Children Drowned

Fatal Collision Near Gap Rock

An unknown steamer is reported to have collided with a fishing junk near Gap Rock on Monday night and to have continued on its course without stopping.

Two children on the junk were thrown into the sea and are believed to have been drowned. Wong Chi-yau, master of the junk, told the Police yesterday that the steamer loomed up in the darkness about 9.30 that night.

The steamer hit the junk's stem, causing it to heel over, but fortunately it did not capsize. A boy, Wong Cheung-shing, aged eight, and a girl, Wong Kam-mui, aged 13, were thrown overboard by the collision and were not seen again.

Damage to the extent of \$270 was caused to the junk.

CHINA AND THE SOVIETS

Geneva Position Is Delicate

LONDON, Dec. 7. (Reuter).—Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, left for Geneva last night to attend the League of Nations meetings.

Chinese in London find themselves in a difficult position. While naturally sympathising with Finland, they cannot fail to recognise the gratitude due to the Soviet for the substantial help offered to China in the struggle against Japan.

THEY MET AGAIN

—In No Man's Land

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 7. (UP).—Robert Oubron, famous French racing cyclist, met Kurt Stoepel, an equally famous German racing cyclist.

In 1932 they participated in a marathon race through France. Stoepel finished second. Last year they were friendly rivals again in a race across Germany. Oubron finished fourth.

Last night they met again—in No Man's Land.

Oubron is now an infantryman in France's "sacrifice squad," a band of daring men who man the outermost patrol posts in No Man's Land. Oubron was on patrol when he clashed with three Germans, also on patrol.

Each side stopped into shell holes and began firing at the other. One German was shot in the hand. Subsequently all three surrendered.

It was only when he was leading his prisoners back to the trenches that Oubron saw their faces for the first time. "Oubron!" cried Stoepel. "Stoepel!" shouted Oubron.

He dressed his rival's wound and led him personally out of the firing zone. "Stoepel was formerly an office boy in the 'United Press' office in Berlin."

H. K. Chinese Indignant

At Abrogation Of Immigration Pact

Chinese circles in Hongkong are indignant at the abrogation of the Sino-Peruvian Immigration Agreement by the Peruvian Government on Dec. 3, and the prohibition of Chinese entry into Peru, says "Central News."

The Peruvian action, they hold, will have an injurious effect upon the friendly relations and trade between China and Peru.

Chinese merchants here have held meetings to discuss measures to cope with the situation. Separate telegrams have been sent to the Executive Yuan, the Chinese Affairs Commission and the Chinese Consul-General in Peru, Mr. Li Chun, asking that a vigorous protest be lodged with the Peruvian Government.

WHOSE HATS ARE THEY?

Some mystification surrounds the finding of a new silk top hat with the initials T.D. inside, and a bowler hat, which were discovered on the stairway of 360 Nathan Road yesterday morning.

The top hat was in a box and the bowler hat was wrapped in newspaper. Some of the tenants of the house informed the police and the hats are now awaiting claimants at the Yau-mat Police Station.

Mystery Detention By Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Dec. 7. (UP).—The Municipal Police are remaining quiet regarding the question of two Chinese constables who have been detained by the Japanese gendarmes since November 19 on a charge of attempted murder. However, indications show that their release may be effected in the near future.



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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

THRILLING MEETING AT VALLEY

Galaxy's Surprising Win In St. Andrew's Stakes: First Chinese Success Since 1929

EVERY CONCEIVABLE THRILL known on the racecourse was witnessed at the St. Andrew's Meeting held at Happy Valley last Saturday. The atmospheric conditions were ideal and this was, in certain measure, responsible for the big muster of racgoers, both terraces in the two enclosures being packed to its full capacity.

The main event, the St. Andrew's Stakes for China ponies over the Derby course, was annexed by Galaxy, a griffin of this season, and Mr. L. B. Chao came into double prominence by being the jockey and owner of the winner. It was certainly a great triumph to Mr. Chao, for it was the first occasion that an owner had the pleasure of piloting his own steed in this old Autumn classic and I am sure a record hard to beat.

Immediately after the race the presentation took place in the Stewards' Room before a good crowd of racing fans and Dr. G. D. R. Black, after a short speech, handed the cup to Mr. Chao, who, in a few appropriate words, thanked the Chieftain for the beautiful trophy.

The last Chinese success was in 1929 when One-Third, owned by Mr. Y. M. Loo of Macao, romped home first, beating Xmas Chimes (Mr. Heard up) by a short head after a most thrilling race; the grey gelding was piloted by Mr. G. U. da Rosa. Of course, Mr. Ho Kom-tong was the first Chinese to win the St. Andrew's cup.

A salient feature of the St. Andrew's gymkhana held last Saturday was the failure of those 44 astute mathematicians, who could not select the right horse for the second leg of the daily double event and they were naturally dumbfounded when the mighty Ajax with Mr. Poy in the saddle slaughtered the well backed Roostly (Mr. Needa up), who dead-headed with Violet Queen (Mr. H. M. Botelho) for second place in the Auld Reekie Handicap. As a result of this miscalculation, the pool amounting to \$7,523 will be carried over to the next meeting to be held on December 16, which will terminate the second half racing season.

This was the fourth occasion that punters failed in their selection to connect the second pony of the combination and it may be of interest to know that the pool of \$7,523 was the biggest since the introduction of the daily double event in 1933, in fact doubling the highest sum of \$3,704 carried over from the second day of the Double Tenth meeting last year. There is no doubt that the daily double event (which will be on the Tardy Handicap for "B" class China ponies and the Last Chance Handicap for "C" class China ponies) at the coming meeting will be very popular and it will surely bring a new band of speculators, who will undoubtedly help to swell the pool.

WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE

After a sequence of three dead heats, Laughing Girl came into her own and with assistance of her usual chaperon, Mr. S. C. Liang, the combination just managed to reach the base line in the nick of time to win the Gorbals Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies, beating Scenic View one of the co-partners in the fast time of 1:20.1/5 over six furlongs, which was a wonderful performance. However, the verdict was not by the length of a lane, in fact only a neck separating the two contenders. On the running of the race and if they had another five yards to go, it would not surprise me to see Laughing Girl and Scenic View crossing the wire together.

After receiving the order to mount for the Gorbals Handicap (first section) confined to "C" class China ponies, National Pride (owned by a Chinese member) was the first to be on the course, but the pipers and drummers of the Royal Scots were still marching up and down on the grass track in front of the judge's box. What actually happened, it was not possible to say, but apparently the pony took exception to the "Hillland tunes" and without due notice National Pride gave an "ender" to his jockey, Mr. S. W. Tang, who was lucky to escape with out any injury. With a battalion of matrons on the course trying to stop the pony, the grey stallion bolted round the track twice and were it not for the official starter, Mr. Alec Potts, who raised his "red flag," National Pride would have gone another circle. It was undoubtedly a master stroke and it is to be hoped that in future the use of the red flag will be brought into service when occasion arises. However, the combination had a good start, but National Pride was dead to the world, finishing last but one. Keep an eye on him in his next outing.

MR. CHIU GRADUATED

It must have been a happy day for Mr. C. F. Chiu (a novice) who graduated at the expense of his own racer, Golden Cow, and the pony paid \$118.10 for a win to close the end of a perfect day in the last event. The young jockey rode his maiden win on Moyflower in the Hwang Ho

Handicap on May 16, 1936, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Chiu's future will be a prosperous one among the better class of experienced riders. The return of Mr. G. R. Choepe (a novice) from the northern port to the saddle has met with minor success, see the two thirds on Westlake and Talkative in the first and second sections of the Gallowgate Handicap respectively.

No one has yet attempted to find out the amount of racing fans passed through the turnstiles in the Public Enclosure at any of the Extra Meetings, for I am sure the figure must be an interesting one. There was exceptionally good demand for the dollar cash sweep at the St. Andrew's meeting. In the penultimate event the total amount of tickets sold was 5,026 and the lucky No. 1039, which drew Ajax, received the first prize of \$2,000.00 for an investment of a dollar. In the last race the cost of a cash sweep ticket was \$2 per chance and the first prize was \$4,538.00 which was really wonderful.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

ROSE Emily piloted by the champion jockey was considered the wheel of fortune in the main event, the St. Andrew's Stakes over one and a half miles, and when the varolus counters opened for betting, punters went head over heels for tickets. There was some good money poured over Rose Emily's hood: in fact the mare carried over a third out of a total aggregate of 6,284 and 5,026 tickets sold under the category of win and places respectively.

Rose Emily finished among the "also rans" and it was indeed a sad blow to her faithful supporters. As Mr. Encarnacao always had a big public following, it may be of interest to know that an investment of \$24,585 had gone west, representing the value of 2,773 tickets for a win and 2,144 for a place.

For a win in the St. Andrew's Stakes the aggregate chances sold on the nine starters amounted to 6,284 whilst for places the figure was 5,026 tickets. These two added together would amount to 11,310 tickets involving a turnover of \$50,700, which was the second biggest investment on an event for an extra meeting. However, the highest betting record was in the Manly Handicap on June 3 this year, when the total for win and places reached an aggregate of 12,150 tickets representing a turnover of \$60,750.

It is interesting to recall that Celtic Star holds the record of the highest

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Rugby

CLUB TEAMS CHOSEN FOR TO-MORROW

A further game in the first round of the annual Triangular Tournament will be played on the Navy Ground at 4 p.m. to-morrow, when the Navy will meet the Club.

Prior to this game, there will be a match, commencing at 2.45 p.m., between the 8th Heavy Regt. R.A., and the Club "A" XV. The Club sides have been selected as follows:—

1st XV.—F. M. Thompson (15), D. I. Bosanquet (5), H. D. Bidwell (3), J. Hutchison (1), D. H. Stewart (2), J. C. Charter (4), J. H. Henderson (22), R. E. Hensman (11), R. G. Castleton (23), B. F. Wainman (28), E. A. Bonas (27), C. F. Needham (12), A. M. Kennedy (19), A. F. Walkden (13), (Captain), and G. B. Godfrey (28).

"A" XV.—G. S. Wilson, H. van Leeuwen (Captain), M. G. Carruthers, D. B. Nelson, H. M. Laville, B. C. Fay, J. M. Thomson, L. A. Scott, Y. W. Salter, H. W. F. Heath, J. S. Dunnett, E. C. Luscombe, B. O. M. Deane, A. G. Dabiel and W. B. Richmond.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

The following starting times have been arranged for the Old and New courses, starting on Sunday next:

OLD COURSE

9.16 D. J. Gilmore, J. T. Smith.
9.20 F. D. Hunter, W. W. C. Shewan.
9.24 G. M. Park, L. R. Andrews.
9.28 H. N. Williamson, J. Forbes.
9.32 A. M. Kirby, H. F. Morford.
9.36 A. D. Humphreys, R. K. Valentine.
9.40 R. C. Gardner, R. G. Gray.
9.44 Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
9.48 L. A. R. Duncan, R. R. Davies.
9.52 S. S. Church, M. D. Cooper.
9.56 F. Groves, W. G. Robertson.
10.00 W. Hewitt, E. Lawrence.
10.04 F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groom.
10.08 H. J. D. Lowe, J. R. Harrison.
10.12 E. C. Norris, A. Nicol.
10.16 Comdr. Hole, F. McGarry.
10.20 S. T. Bullin, F. Buckle.
10.24 Comdr. Murray, T. R. Rowell.

10.28 J. E. Dovey, B. D. Evans.
10.32 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

10.36 H. C. Watson, D. L. Pruphet.
10.40 D. Humphreys, P. S. Delany.
10.44 H. S. Tees, J. G. Jensen.
10.48 R. H. Gregory, A. B. Purves.
10.52 J. W. Mayhew, P. E. Annis.
10.56 R. C. Stewart, D. H. Clark.
11.00 W. Park, W. Sharp.
11.04 S. Tomlinson, I. P. Tamworth.

11.08 W. N. A. Smalley, D. S. Edward.
11.12 A. McKellar, N. K. Littlejohn.
11.16 J. M. Pearson, W. S. E. James.

11.20 E. J. Faggiano, J. W. Clague.
11.24 H. M. Rowland, B. O. Baldwin.
11.28 A. J. Dennis, R. K. Collings.
11.32 Lieut. Carter, G. T. Harrington.

Mrs. Anne Dudley In Penang

Mrs. Dudley, formerly Miss Anne Fowler of Hongkong, made her hockey debut in Penang recently when she turned out for the Penang Ladies Hockey Club in their weekly practice. She played for the Whites, which beat the Colours by four goals to two, and, according to the "Straits Echo and Times of Malaya," she put up a stolid defence, clearing her lines effectively.

While in Hongkong, Mrs. Dudley played regularly for the "Y" Ladies and has also represented the Colony in Interport matches.

Civilians' Hockey Team For Sunday

The Civilians' hockey team to meet the Combined Services in aid of the British War Organisation Fund on Sunday at the Club ground was announced yesterday as follows:

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and J. Consalves (Recreio); W. Brown (Police), W. A. Reed (Club), and N. Whitley (C.B.A.); S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), E. Fowler (C.B.A.), and J. Soares (Recreio).

Reserves.—R. A. Marques (Recreio), R. J. Reed (Nomads) and D. T. Smith (C.B.A.).

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9.20 L. M. S. Lloyd, J. R. Collis.
9.24 A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
9.28 Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Morford.
9.36 W. J. S. Key, A. H. Mc-

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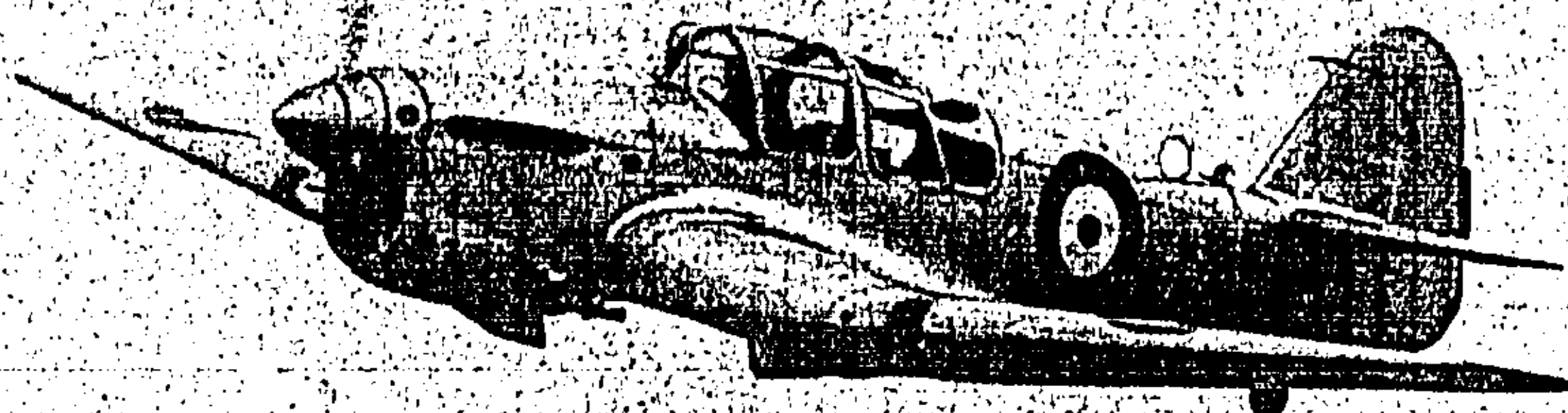
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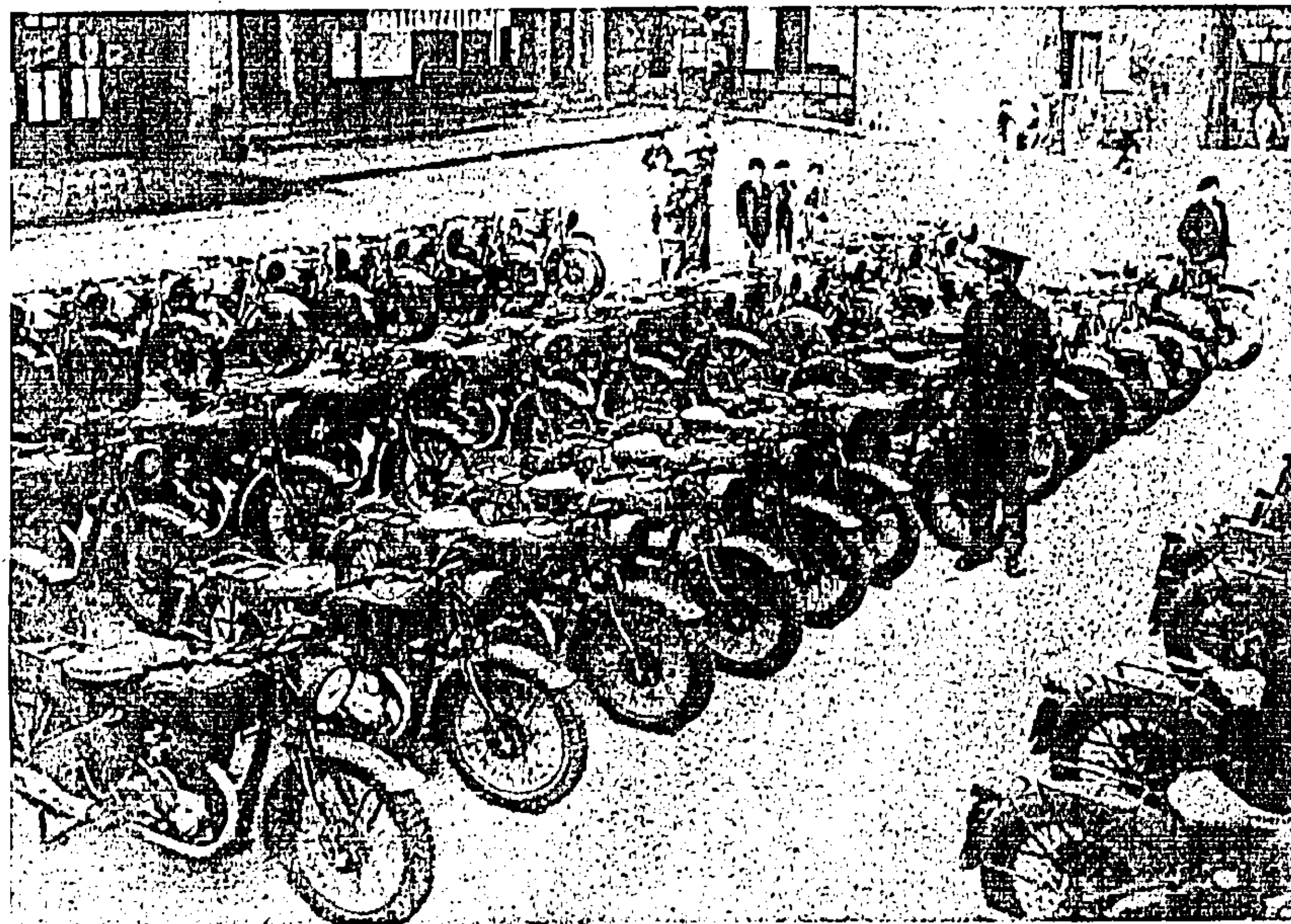
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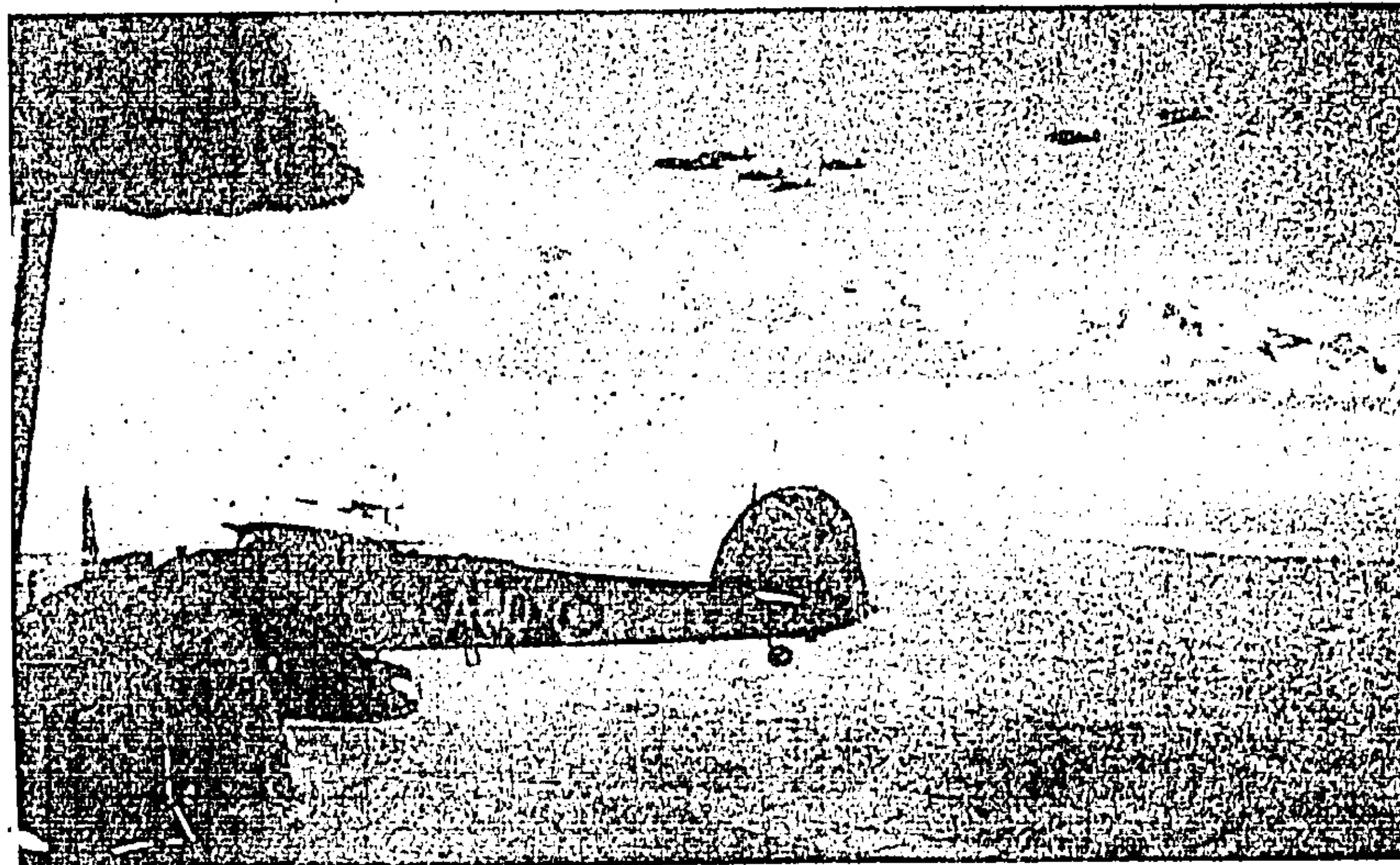
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The military motor cycle seems to be much in evidence in this war. Here you see British
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British reconnaissance 'planes flying into the sunset.

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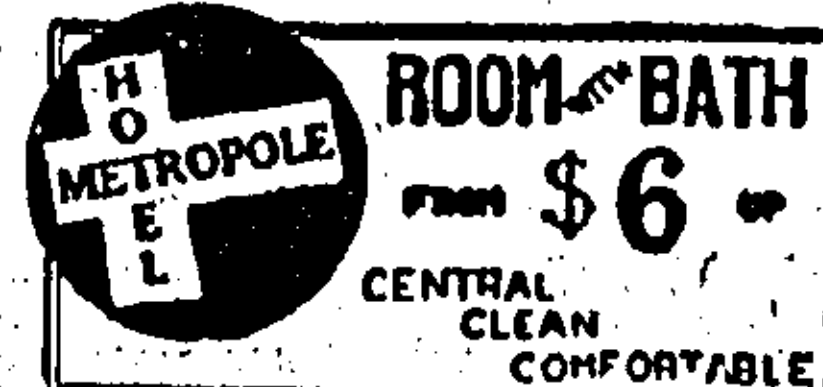
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11.15 Close Down.

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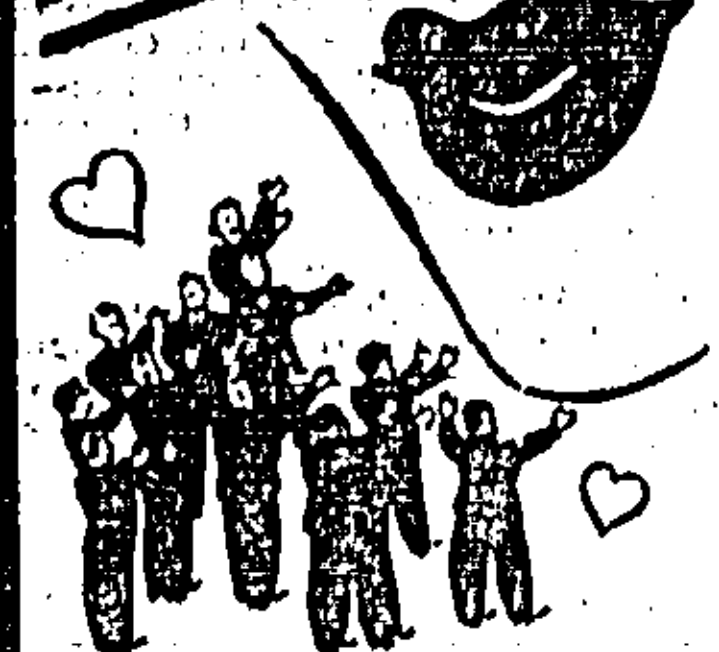
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3—Philippine tree
4—Female sheep
5—Biblical name
6—Eulogistic memoir
7—Crippled
8—Network
9—Jeer at
10—Litter entrance
11—Sewage implement
12—Pleasure (pl)
13—Pertaining to Italian
volcano
14—Those who placate
15—Turkish cycle of 12
years
16—Rough edge
17—Medieval fortifi-
cation
18—Prefix very much
19—Evolution
20—Chinese dragon
21—Disease-carrying fly
22—Bird
23—Nobleman
24—Circled
25—Living beings
26—Unit of telegrams
27—Type of vehicle
28—Machine for ironing
29—Thin of mid-Euro-
pean type
30—Thin of mid-Euro-
pean type
31—Open in skin
32—Worshiped image
33—Tool used by divers

34—Drive
35—Military meal
36—Ethnic kind
37—Heaven

DOWN

1—Small mountain lake
2—Decorative molding
3—Boat used for re-
moving mud from
bottom of water
4—Suitable for pro-
tection
5—Dickensian

6—Pedal digit
7—Deities
8—Small fish
9—Fence away
10—Walk through, as
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11—Oriental potentate
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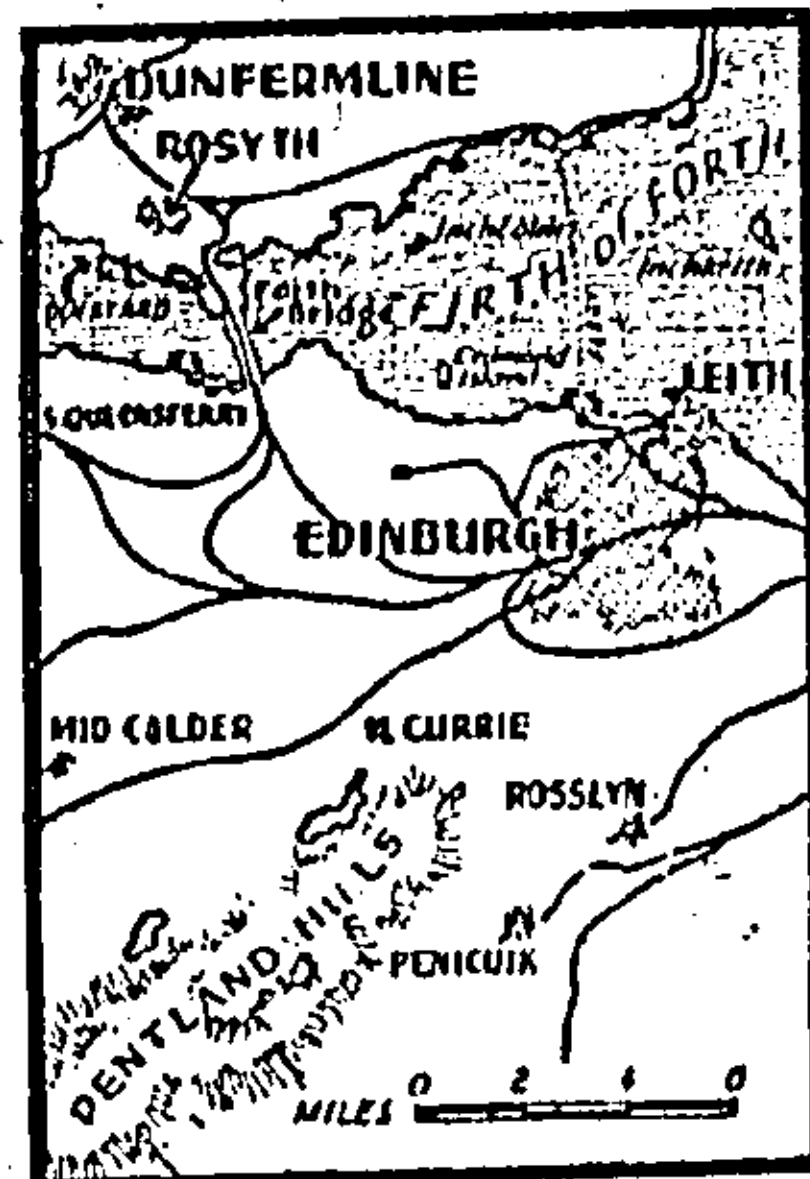
Nazi Attack on Firth of Forth Repulsed RAIDERS INTERCEPTED: ONE MACHINE HIT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GERMANY TOOK QUICK ADVANTAGE OF THE RETURN TO FINE WEATHER TO-DAY, AND LAUNCHED A FURTHER ATTACK ON THE FIRTH OF FORTH. ONE OF EIGHT ENEMY RAIDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE RAID WAS HIT, AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE REPORTS.

So speedy was the R.A.F. on the job after the sounding of the alarm that the All Clear was sounded within half-an-hour. The Germans did not even succeed in reaching their objectives, says a "United Press" message.

The official report, issued late last night, is as follows:



"Royal Air Force fighters to-day intercepted and drove off a German raiding squadron off the coast in the Firth of Forth area.

"The enemy squadron consisted of eight machines.

"One enemy plane was hit."

A supplementary communique said:

"Shortly before the Firth of Forth engagement, in which eight enemy aircraft were driven off, two enemy aircraft were encountered by R.A.F. fighters.

"The enemy immediately turned back, but were pursued to sea.

"One was seen to be hit."

Pilot's Story

A thrilling story of the encounter at sea was told by the pilot of one of the British machines.

"We were patrolling north of Heligoland when we sighted a Dornier plane.

"We attacked it but it managed to elude us in the clouds. A few minutes later, however, we sighted it again, and attacked a second time.

"A burst of our fire got home before the crippled German managed to again find refuge in the clouds."

A pilot of a second machine said:

"I pursued a Dornier for half-an-hour, during which time I made six attacks.

Swaying Through Clouds

"In one of the attacks we succeeded in putting the German's rear gun out of commission and punctured its fuel tanks. It escaped, swaying through the clouds. I doubt whether it would be able to reach its base."

Reports from Copenhagen throw further light on aerial activity over the North Sea.

Fishermen at Bergen saw three foreign planes swooping low and battling three unidentified warships just outside Norwegian territorial waters.

They heard cannonading between 9 and 11 a.m.

A Norwegian reconnaissance plane took off to investigate the battle, but so far no details are available.

A "Reuter" message states that German reconnaissance planes flew over Western France yesterday.

Air raid warnings were sounded over a wide area.

R.A.F. Raid On Germany
LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—In connection with R.A.F. raids on German naval bases, the German Press has alleged that the British planes were repulsed by A.A. fire and had made their escape over Danish territory.

On the other hand, the Air Ministry announced that the flight was successful and it is denied, both in

London and Copenhagen, that British planes had violated Danish territory. According to the German Press, a German and a British machine collided off the Dutch coast and fell into the sea.

Nothing about this is known in London, but a Coastal Command machines report having inflicted damage on two Dornier flying boats over the North Sea.

Neither of the German planes was brought down, but they were damaged and swayed in their flight, in the words of the British pilot.

He said it was doubtful whether even one of the flying boats would be able to get back to its base.

R.A.F. Plane Missing
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that one patrolling aircraft failed to return.

It is believed that it may be the machine which the German communique reported to have collided yesterday with a German aircraft during an engagement.

Both machines fell into the sea, according to the German report.

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Action Echo

Princess Hohenlohe To Leave

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—An echo of the recent Lord Rothermere court case was heard in the House of Commons when Mr. George Strauss asked the Home Secretary whether, in view of the revelations in the recent High Court action of her close association with the German Chancellor, he was considering the deportation of Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe.

Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, replied: "I understand that this Hungarian subject has made arrangements to leave the country by boat and will be sailing in a few days."

GUARDS FOR BRITISH SHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Special Police are being detailed to guard the Ellerman Wilson Pier, on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River, while British vessels are docked there.

The "New York Journal" states that the step follows a new bomb threat against British vessels in New York harbour, and the request for a guard was initiated by the British Consulate.

FORMER CHINA STATION PILOT IS KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Admiralty casualty list contains, among those killed on active service, Squadron Leader P. M. Watt, former adjutant of the air units aboard H.M.S. Hermes which was formerly attached to the China Station.

Squadron Leader Watt was a famous glider.

Squadron Leader P. MacGregor Watt, flying instructor and adjutant of No. 608 (North Riding) Squadron of the Auxiliary Air Force, since March, 1937, was promoted in October, 1937.

Entering Cranwell as a cadet in January, 1925, he was posted two years later to No. 17 (Fighter) Squadron, Upavon. He was afterwards a flying instructor at No. 1 School and the Central Flying School, and in 1932-33 was adjutant of the air units in H.M.S. Hermes in China.

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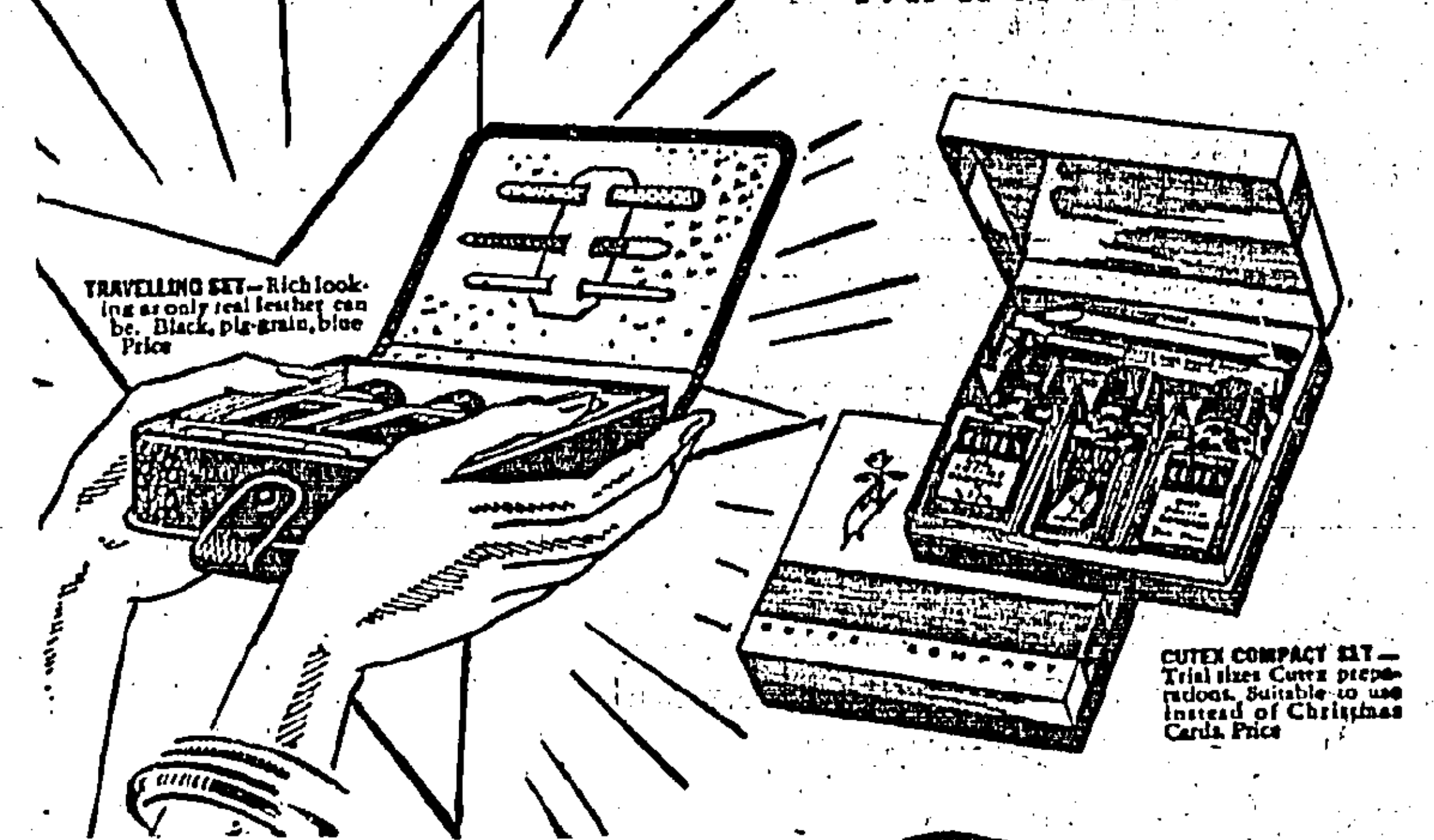
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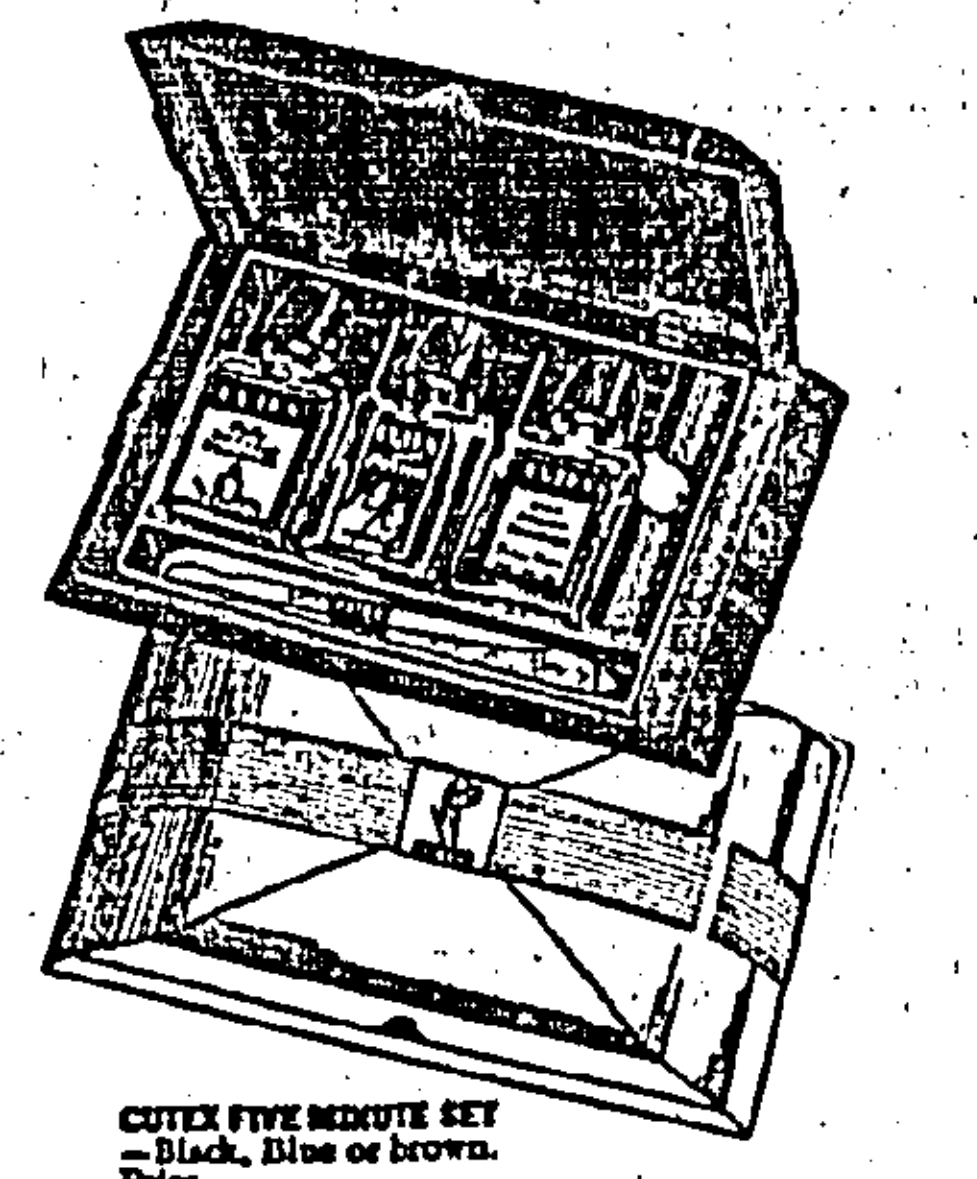
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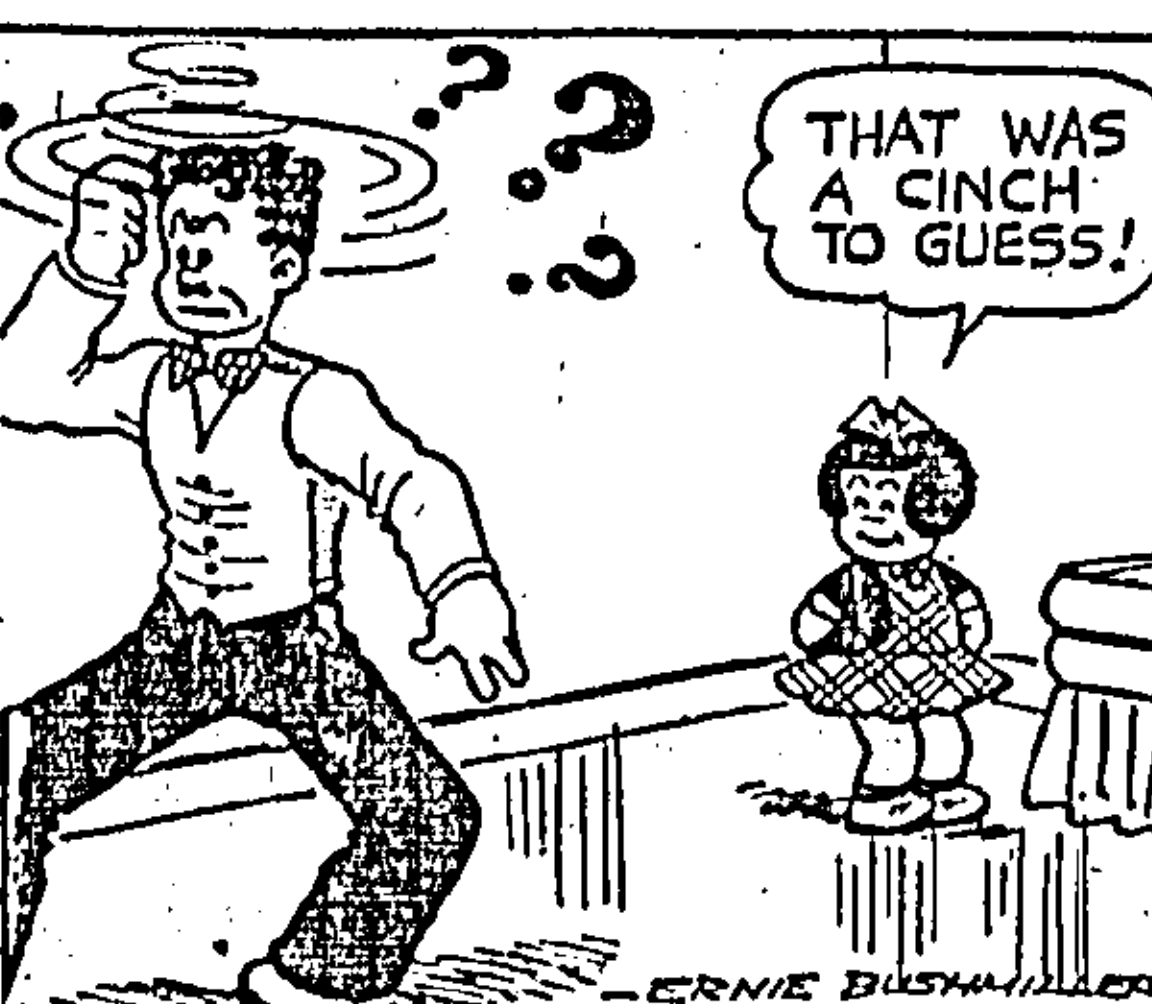
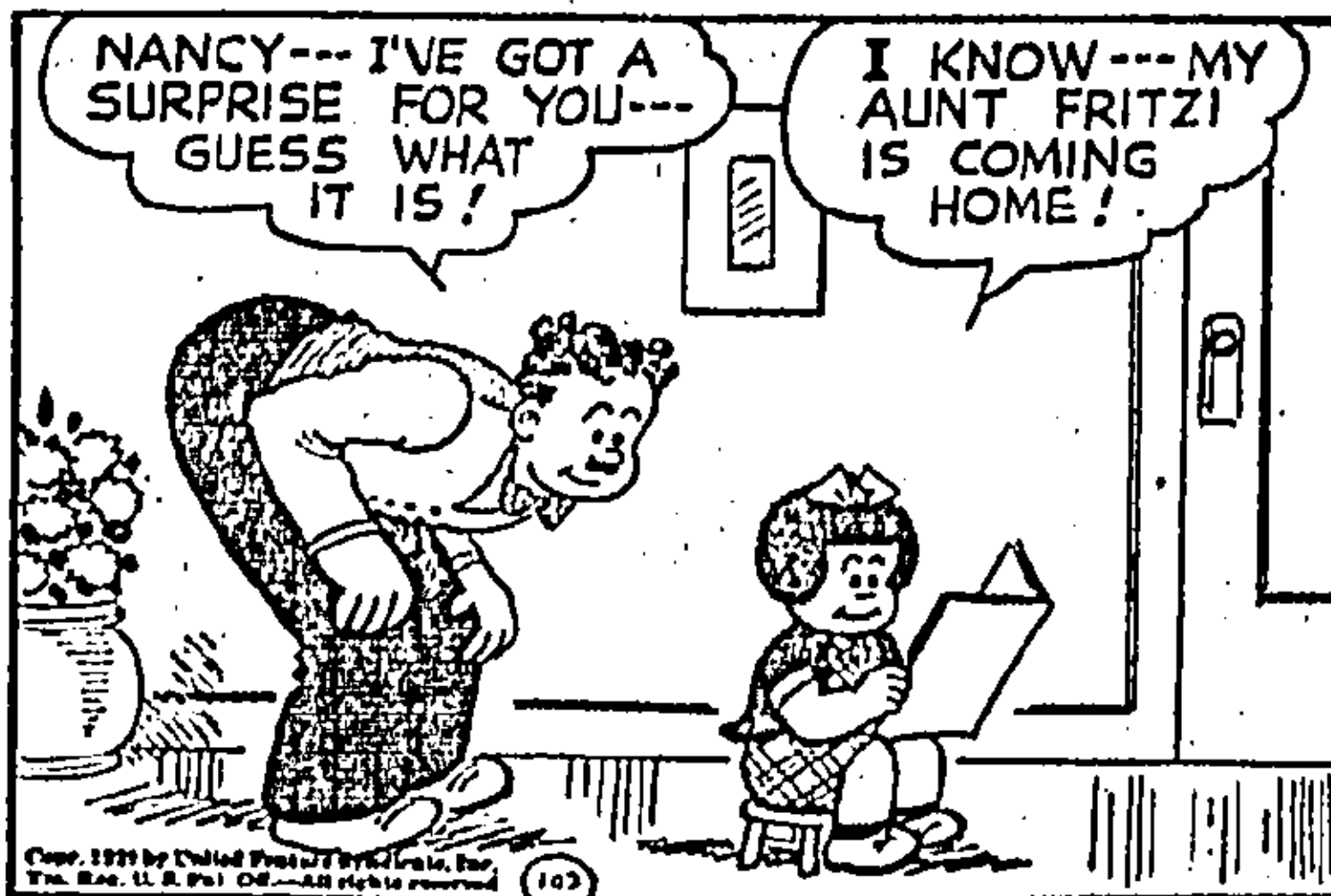
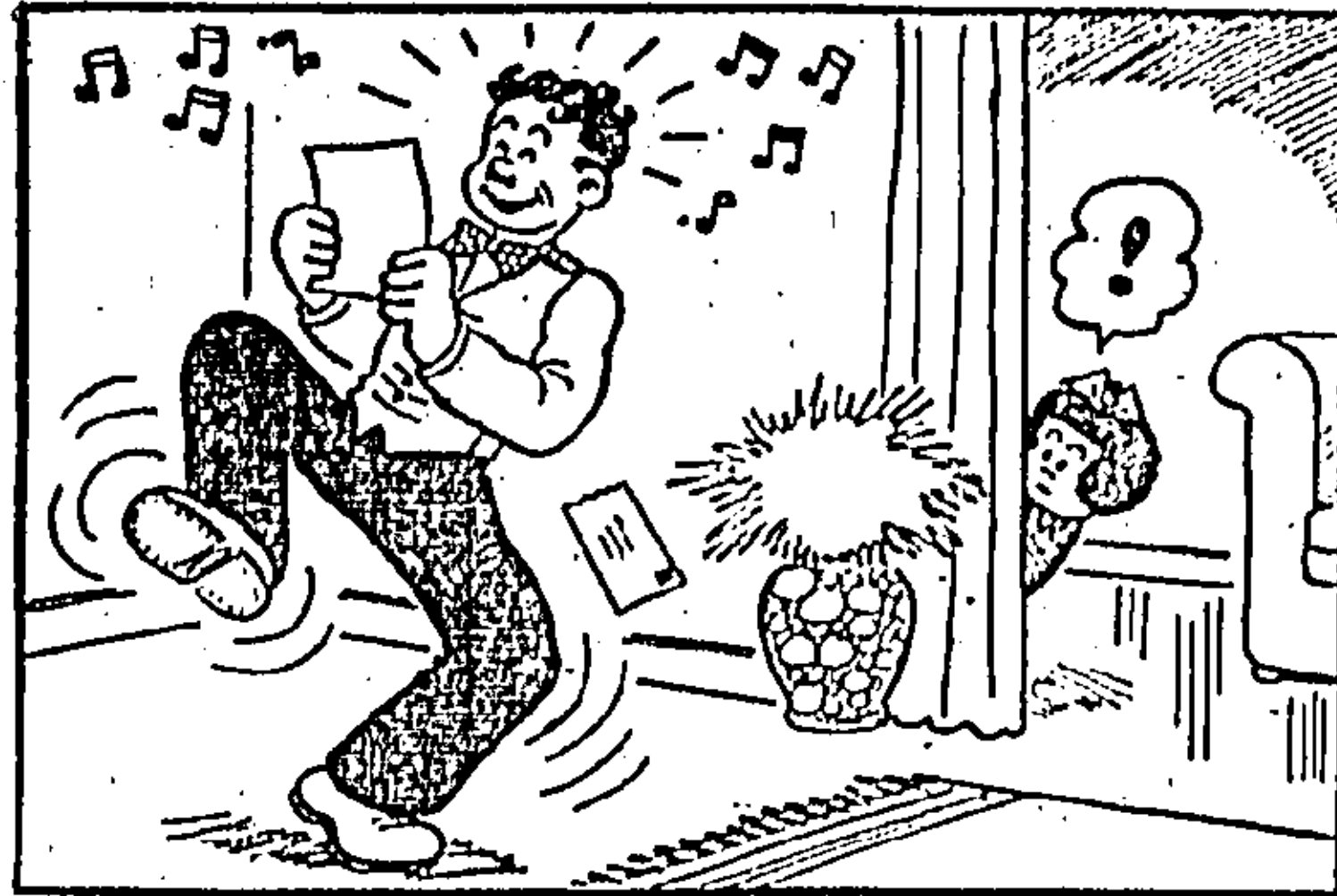
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BRITAIN'S SECRET?

"Daily Sketch" Talks Of New Weapon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 7 (UP)—Has Britain a new and secret weapon?

The assertion that we are fighting the Nazi Air Force with such a weapon was carried in a front-page story in the London "Daily Sketch" today.

The newspaper claims that the weapon is one of the striking reasons for recent R.A.F. successes against Nazi warplanes.

It repeats the intervention of Nazi raiders without their being able to reach their objectives, according to the report (The Nazis made another abortive attempt to reach the Firth of Forth yesterday).

The newspaper specifically claims that the weapon is believed to be responsible for the destruction of German planes off the coast of Norfolk yesterday.

"No official announcement can be expected for some time," the paper states.

"There is very good reason, however, for the claim being made. Last night a hint was deliberately dropped by high official quarters that the Nazi raiders met their doom through a weapon about which Britain has never boasted," the report adds.

GUNS ROAR IN VOSGES

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About 1,200 German troops under cover of artillery.

The French defenders held their own and repulsed the German attacks, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, field dispatches claimed.

French reports admit, however, that considerable losses were also sustained by the French forces.

Germans are said to have employed new tactics in the attacks. They advanced in several columns, and making use of the shell craters near the French outposts, rained handgrenades into the French positions.

French troops counter-attacked and "shell trenches" and challenged the enemy to hand-to-hand combat. The Maginot Line artillery came into action to check the advance of German reinforcements by a long-range barrage.

THOUSANDS SACRIFICED

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to have come to grips with the main Finnish defenses.

Reports by Italian correspondents state that before the Finns withdrew from Petsamo, they set the town on fire, leaving the Russians with a heap of ruins.

About 1,000 people, mostly women, children and the aged, crossed over into Norway, and it is learned that a number of the employees of the nickel mines, including Britishers and Canadians, are also safe across the border.

Soviets Touch Main Defence Line
On the southern and central frontiers, the Russians are still trying to push the Finns back.

This morning a Red communique claimed that Soviet troops had pierced the famous Mannerheim Line.

The Finns deny this and neutral reports suggest that Russians have merely made contact with the line at one or two points.

NAVAL INVASION THOUGHT NEAR

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that a heavy engagement occurred north-east of Kemijarvi. Three thousand Russians were driven back.

The retirement of Finnish troops has brought them to their main line of defence in this sector.

Finnish Government departments are still functioning in Helsinki, using secret addresses, and changing telephone numbers constantly in order to frustrate possible espionage.

A total of 2,500 Swedes have offered to serve in the Finnish forces.

Red Claim Denied
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 7 (UP)—The Finnish Government officially denies the Moscow Radio claim that Red troops have captured Kiviniemi. It claims that the Reds have penetrated the Mannerheim Line.

ENEMIES MAY BECOME "ALLIES"

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fighter planes and Bristol Bulldog fighters.

The Helsinki correspondent of the Stockholm "Aften Blade" confirms the arrival of approximately sixty Italian warplanes in Finland.

The correspondent reports that it is believed in Helsinki that Britain has promised to send about 100 planes of the famous Spitfire type.

The Finns are reputed to be excellently trained airmen, and the total personnel of their air force is stated to be about 5,000 men.

The correspondent claims that the Finnish reserve of air force officers has not yet even been called up.

American Loan?
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (UP)—America is to immediately despatch 50,000 surgical dressings to Finland.

An announcement to this effect was made today by Mr. Norman Davis, Secretary of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Davis added that a nationwide drive will probably be opened for relief contributions, which will probably aggregate US\$3,000,000.

"I do not think there is any question about the American people wanting to help Finland," Mr. Davis added.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, revealed today that negotiations are in progress for a loan to Finland.

Break Off Relations
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—A demand for breaking off Anglo-French relations with Russia is made by right wing newspapers.

"Le Temps," for example, admits that serious consequences must follow any Franco-British gesture of solidarity with Finland, but argues that there is a "certain risk" of giving a specious and great power in arms hesitating to fail in alongside with a weak and brave people who have preferred to fight rather than capitulate for a cause which the Allies are defending.

"Le Temps" emphasises the effect such action will have on neutrals and the whole world.

The Journal says that it might bring about a vast moral coalition around Franco-British union.

Britain May Support Steps
Against Reds

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—The "Daily Telegraph" diplomatic correspondent understands that Britain will support proposals expected to be made in Geneva that sanctions be imposed against Russia.

Finland has not invoked the article calling for sanctions, but it is anticipated that the League itself will decide to discuss the position under Article 10 which, while imposing sanctions, leaves action to the discretion of individual members.

The member says that it is not apparently the intention of Britain to call for the expulsion of Russia from the League, but she would support such a proposal if advanced.

There seems to be little doubt that Latin-American members will strongly press for Russian expulsion.

Finland's appeal will be considered by the Committee of the Full Assembly on Tuesday at which a draft resolution will affirm that Russia's aggression against Finland is a matter of concern to the whole League.

RUSSIANS MASSING
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with its rich oil and agricultural reserves.

Trying To Regain Prestige?
Government circles base their fears not only on official reports during the past day or two, but on what has happened in the past as a prelude to such action, notably in the case of Finland.

The strong resistance put up by the Finns has caused the Russians to lose face, these circles point out, and so Moscow may now be preparing to make some move in the Balkans in order to recapture Russia's lost pride.

The cession of Bessarabia to Rumania at the end of the Great War has always irked the Soviet Government.

Soviet Concentrations
ROME, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—Reports reaching here confirm that there are Soviet concentrations on the Bessarabian frontier.

To "Rescue" Bessarabia
MOSCOW, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—Echoes of the "Pravda" attack on Rumania and Turkey yesterday are shrieked by the "Communist International," the organ of the Comintern, today.

The attack adopts the same line, threatening to rescue Bessarabia from the Rumanian persecutions of minorities and describing Turkey's alliance with Britain and France as a danger to Turkish independence.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	320
T.T. Singapore	32 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	62 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/4
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	10 10
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	170 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P	1/3 3/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	11 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.91 1/4

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Sun Never Sets" (Oriental): A Colonial Service melodrama. The story of the film deals with a Colonial Officer who visits the home of his brother on the Gold Coast after the former has unwittingly brought the latter into disgrace. Patriotic appeal.

"Winter Carnival" (Midwest): The story of an heiress who married a duke, divorced him, and came back to her old love who wasn't having any—at least, not at first. The romance of Ann Sheridan and Richard Carlson is long-winded and you'll sigh with relief when they finally get together till death do them part. Ann Sheridan is good but it will take better parts than this to prove her to be the actress they're building her up to be. Light, gay entertainment.

"Girls on Probation" (Kings): Another "social drama" purporting to show the sorrows of an innocent girl who suffers for her bad judgment in picking her friends. Starring Ronald Reagan, Jane Bryan and Anthony Zverell.

"Saint in London" (Queen's): The famous "Saint," fictional Robin Hood of the moment, beloved by so many readers of the stories written by Leslie Charteris, has this time been brought to the screen by a British company—and an excellent job they have made of it. The delinquent characterization of "The Saint" by George Saunders is outstanding.

"The Warning" (Queen's and Alhambra): Demonstrates clearly the emperors for which British men and women must be trained in these times. Presents grim picture of toll of modern warfare. Screening time: 35 minutes.

STOCK MARKET'S FIRM TONE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—Despite very quiet conditions on the Stock Exchange, the tone was firm with gilt-edged and selected foreign Government Bonds rising.

Oils recovered after the recent down-trend, while the leading industrial maintained good levels.

Wall Street was firm.

BRITISH CREDITS FOR TURKEY

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Anglo-Turkish financial and economic discussions are proceeding to a conclusion, and an agreement of principle is expected to be signed shortly.

Details of the agreement will be worked out later and are expected to include a scheme under which Turkey will use British credits to purchase armaments in the United States and Sweden.

AIR RAID SCARE IN SCOTLAND

London, Dec. 7.
An air raid warning was sounded in the Firth of Forth area at about mid-day.

The all clear was sounded about 30 minutes later.

Heavy gunfire was heard all along the coast and aeroplanes flying at a great height were observed diving.

No reports have so far been received of bombs being dropped.

FRENCH DEBATE THEIR BUDGET

PARIS, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—The French Chamber of Deputies today began its debate on the budget, which comprises about 2,450,000,000.

Each speaker is limited to three and a half minutes.

Drama In The Night

CLEVELAND—An old-unlighted sedan stopped at the end of a Lake Erie dock here. One man sat at the wheel. The other dragged a heavy object to the water's edge and plopped it in—Kerplunk! It was a smashed cigarette machine which two burthens, after losing its coils, had tossed into the lake.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,330 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£22 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£24 1/2 n.
Chartered	8 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. L.	20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. L.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	71 b.

INSURANCES	
Canton	210 s.
Union	300 b.
China Underwriter	134 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire	190 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglases	71 b.
Steamships	11 s.
Provident	60 n.
Indo-China	DS. 100 n.
Shells (Bearers) s/s	70 1/4 n.
Waterboats	810 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	101 1/2 n.
Docks	104 1/2 n.
Star Ferry	414 b.
New Eng. Sh.	17 1/2 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	195 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	18 1/2 n.
Ruaba	900 b.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cls. sa.

LANDS	
Hotels	465 n.
Lands	33 b.
Lands 4% Deb.	100 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	10 1/2 n.
Humphreys	73 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities	430 b.
Chinese Estates	100 b.

UTILITIES	
Trams	10 1/2 s.
Peak Trams (old)	5 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 b.
Star Ferry	674 b.
Y. Ferries	23 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	475 n.
China Lights (new)	470 n.
H.K. Electric	51 1/2 b.
Macao Electric	10 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 b.
Telephones (old)	24 s.
Telephones (new)	7 1/2 b.
Traction (new)	18 1/4 n.
Traction (Prof) s/-	18 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Maeg. (Ord.)	Sh. 14 n.
Cald. Maeg. (Prof.)	Sh. 13 n.
Canton Lys	1 n.
Cements	15 1/2 sa.
H.K. Rops	510 b.

STORES & COTTON MILLS	
Dairy Farm (old)	20 1/4 b. & sa.
Dairy Farms (new)	10 1/2 b.
Watsons	8 1/2 n.
Lane, Crawfords	7 1/2 n.
Sinacres	180 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Evo Sh.	25 1/4 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. ex. div.	161 n.
Zoona Sing. Sh.	42 n.
Wing On Textiles	Sh. 48 1/2 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	9.25 b.
Constructions (old)	1.75 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	8 1/4 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	
G. Bonds	47 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	160 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	97 n.
Mormons (Lon.) s/-	14 1/2 n.
Marmans (H.K.) s/-	4 n.

OUTWARD MAILS	
Parcels only for Shanghai and Japan	5.00 p.m.
Manila	7 p.m.

INWARD MAILS	
Parcels only for Shanghai, 10.30 a.m.	
Shanghai and Japan	10.30 a.m.
Singapore	10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Hongkong	1 p.m.
Tourane and Saigon	1.30 p.m.
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G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
Reg.	Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 9, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 10	
Amoy	9 a.m.
Amoy	9 a.m.
Fort Bayard	9.00 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 11	
Bangkok	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin	1.30 p.m.
Canton	7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12	
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 20th December.	

K.P.O.	
Reg.	Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
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Ord.	Dec. 12, 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13	
Parcels only for Swatow	10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Formosa	10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	1 p.m.
Amoy	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	3.30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14	
Sandakan	8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Formosa	10.30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 15	
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin	10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hongkong	1.30 p.m.
Strait and Calcutta	11 a.m.
Parcels	11 a.m.
Letters	Noon.
Sunday, Dec. 17	
Amoy	9 a.m.
Japan	9 a.m.
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin	9 a.m.

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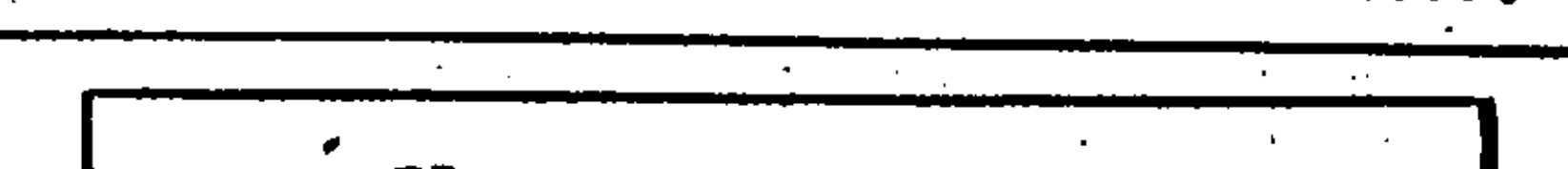
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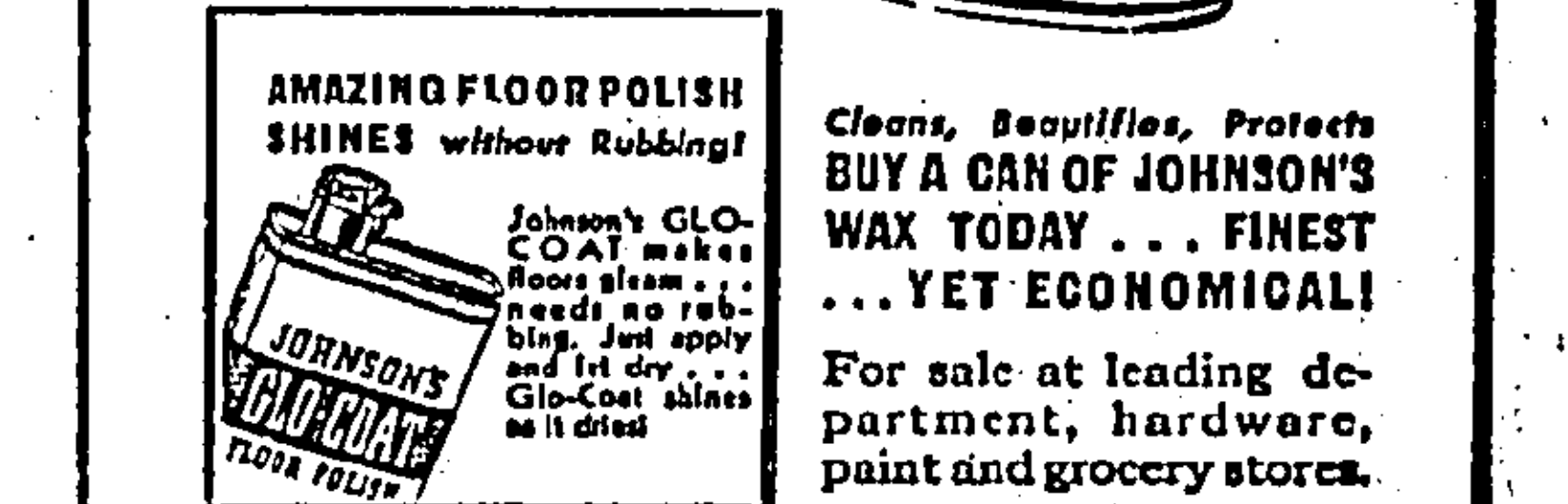


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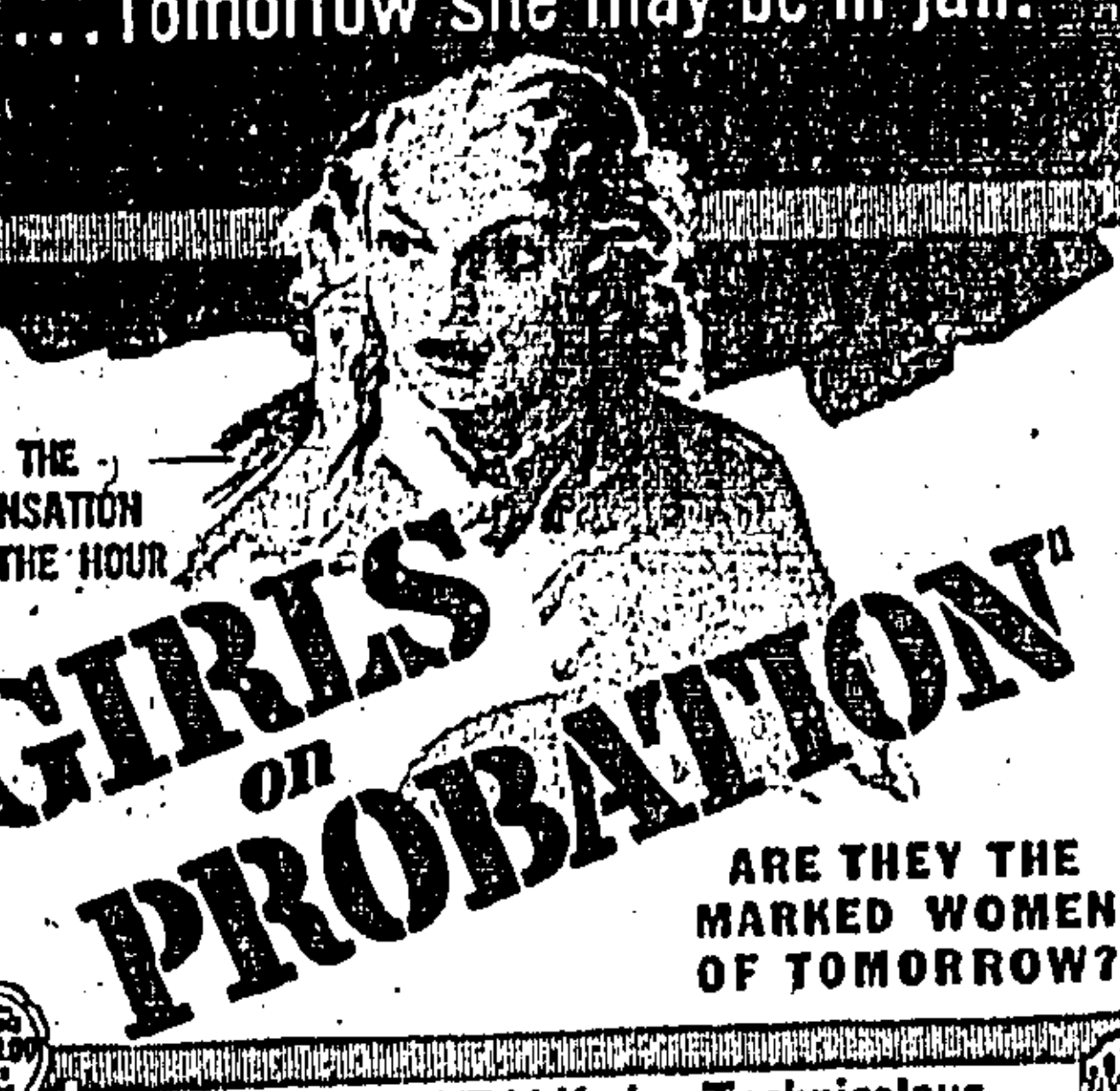
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Holland Indignant At Latest Loss

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8 (Reuter).—All Holland is filled with indignation at the torpedoing of the 8,200-ton Netherlands Royal Mail liner *Tajandoen*, the third biggest Dutch liner to be lost in the war through U-Boat or Nazi mine action.

The *Tajandoen* is the eighth ship Holland has lost in the war. All of the passengers have been saved, according to a telegram from the captain. Six members of the crew are missing.

It is pointed out that the disaster follows immediately on Germany's threat to Holland regarding the British blockade.

German official circles are angry at the news that British consular officers now board Dutch ships in Dutch ports to examine cargoes. This step has been carried out at the suggestion of Dutch shipping interests, as it greatly speeds up the contraband control system.

Germany, however, regards it as a gross breach of neutrality, and it is believed that Nazi pressure on the Dutch Government will, as a result, be further increased.

Sunk In Collision
Several other sinkings, in addition to the torpedoing of the *Tajandoen*, are reported.

The 4,607-ton Liverpool steamer *Chancellor* is reported to have been sunk in the Atlantic following a collision with another vessel in convoy. The crew were rescued.

The *Chancellor* was carrying a cargo of American cotton.

Norwegian Victim
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 7 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Norwegian steamer *Primula* (1,024 tons) was sunk in the North Sea on Wednesday, presumably by a mine.

Eight of the crew are missing. Seven survivors, three of whom are injured, have been landed in Scotland.

At least two ships—one Dutch and one Belgian—have been intercepted and taken to contraband control bases for investigation since the extension of the blockade of German exports.

British Trawler Sunk
LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that H.M. trawler *Washington* (209 tons) was sunk yesterday in the North Sea, with the loss of eight lives.

Baltic Dangers
RIGA, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Owing to the danger to shipping in the North Sea, the Baltic states are arranging to transport goods destined for Holland and Belgium via Hamburg and the German waterways.

Mines Suspected
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 7 (UP).—The trawler *Washington* is believed to be the first victim of the mines which air raiders dropped on Wednesday in the river Thames and off the east coast of England.

Big Tanker Sunk
LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—A Norwegian tanker of 8,000 tons has been sunk off the Belgian coast, apparently by a torpedo.

The crew of 44 were rescued and taken into a Belgian port.

The tanker, the name of which is not yet known, went down in 10 minutes.

Dutch Protest To Germany
THE HAGUE, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Government has forwarded a demarche to the German Government concerning the torpedoing of the Dutch liner *Silvrecht*.

NETHERLANDS LIFT BAN

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Netherlands military authorities have lifted the ban on the use of telephones in the areas proclaimed some time ago to be in "a state of siege."

Only Dutch, English, French and German languages, however, may be used in conversations over the telephone.

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LATE NEWS

ENORMOUS WAR COST

Japan Crippled By China Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Dec. 8 (Domei).—The crippling influence of the Sino-Japanese hostilities upon Japan's finances is exemplified by the announcement of the estimated Budget for 1940-41.

The country is to be called upon to face the staggering expenditure of 10,360,000,000 yen (£248,000,000) in the forthcoming fiscal year.

This is more than quadruple the expenditure for the first year of the hostilities, 1938-39. It represents an expenditure of 10 yen for every man, woman and child in the Japanese Empire, including Formosa and Korea.

The figures were released by the Finance Ministry to-day.

They disclose that the Ordinary Budget will require 5,000,000,000 yen.

The Extraordinary Military Budget for the "China Affair" will require an expenditure of \$4,460,000,000 yen.

As compared with expenditure in the current fiscal year, the Ordinary Budget shows an increase of \$1,005,577,000 yen, while appropriations for the "China Affair" are 145,000,000 yen higher.

The grand total shows an increase of \$50,453,000 over the current year's expenditure.

It is hoped to balance the Ordinary Budget by raising 1,675 million yen in bonds which will be issued during the year.

Ordinary appropriations include the following:

	million yen
Imperial Household	4 1/2
Foreign Office	588
Home Office	1,270
War Ministry	1,028
Navy	180
Education	80
Commerce	367
Communications	788

The Extraordinary Military Budget will be expended as follows:

	million yen
Army	2,973,000,000
Navy	737,000,000
Reserves	750,000,000

Thus the total expenditure on Japan's armed forces next year will reach the staggering total of 5,767,000,000 yen (£248,500,000).

Attempt To Cut Rail

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 8, (Reuter).—It is believed here that the Russians are attempting to cut Finland in two by driving a wedge through to the Gulf of Bothnia.

The Russian claim to have reached to within 25 miles of the strategic railway along the Gulf of Bothnia coast. This railway is most important to Finland, as its capture by the Reds would cut overland communication with Sweden.

Finnish sources admit that the Reds have advanced twelve miles, which is over 37 miles from the railway.

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